

**SPECIAL PRAYER FOCUS: EQUIPPING
CHRISTIAN LEADERS**

Father God, we thank you that, in your great kindness, you set aside faithful men and women to lead and serve in churches. We praise you for the many theological institutions around the world where Christians can be trained in biblical understanding and pastoral practice. Please be with new graduates as they commence ministry, and with those considering study and ministry as they seek your calling. Please continue to equip CMS missionaries involved in theological education as they promote gospel-centered training in all parts of the world. In the name of the head of the Church, the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

TUESDAY 1 – MALTA, EURASIA & SLOVENIA

G & R pray for Maltese Christians to stand firm against the pressure from a changing society. **R** prays that her church's youth camp (7–9 May) would be a great time helping youth to know God better and drawing seekers to him. Pray for a seeker in her book club as they study Mark. **Kingsley & Veronica Box** pray for Kingsley, Pastor Peter Novak and trainee Rok as they attend a church planting conference this month. Pray that God would plant new, healthy churches in Slovenia in the coming years.

WEDNESDAY 2 – ITALY & IRELAND

Gillian Law prays for a good final month on campus. Pray for new student leaders for the next academic year. **Simon & Jessica Cowell** give thanks that the national student conference last weekend was a time of refreshment, learning and fellowship for the GBU students. Pray that they would love Jesus more and share him with friends. **Naomi Brunacci** prays that the Mark Drama in Padova and Verona this weekend would encourage Christians to share their faith and non-Christians to see Jesus in a fresh way. Pray for follow-up after the event. **Erin Moorcroft** prays for a fruitful and encouraging time away with other Church of Ireland youth workers later this month.

THURSDAY 3 – AUSTRIA & GERMANY

Rob & Arabelle Horne pray that their family would be a light for Christ in their new apartment building and area in Linz. **Rachel Gibbs** prays that the Linz student group would grow in faith, love of God's word and evangelism. **Rob & Carol Nolan** pray that God would raise up more faithful workers for ministry in Austria. **Klaus & Jude Hickel** pray for God's Spirit to be at work tonight in their explorer's group as they look at the topic "Who is Jesus Christ?" Pray for **Mike & Caroline Clark** as they settle into their new life and ministry at St Thomas' Anglican Church, North Sydney, where Mike is assistant minister.

FRIDAY 4 – SPAIN

Mike & Tania Snowdon pray for the final GBE meeting for this academic year (26 May). Pray that the teens would be challenged and encouraged as they finish going through Ephesians. **John & Jodi Lovell** give thanks for their church's 112th anniversary this month. Pray that the celebration would give new opportunities to connect with local families.

CMS SANT EVENTS TO PRAY ABOUT

30 - 31 May

CMS Dinner: Knowing Christ

CMS SANT 100 Years Past | Future

Andrew & Dominique Gifford give thanks for 10 years of service in Spain, for the opportunity to be there in the name of Jesus, and for how God has matured them in Christ-likeness. Give thanks for the prayers and financial support of so many CMS brothers and sisters.

SATURDAY 5 – FRANCE

Josh & Susannah Apieczonek pray for meaningful goodbyes to supporters, family and friends before their return to France. **Caroline Evenden** prays that many students from different south-west GBU groups would come to the regional end-of-year weekend away (1–3 June). Pray that they would grow in love of God's word, and in their relationships with him and each other through studying Ruth. **Daniel & Kate Morris** pray that students sitting exams would continue to meet in fellowship over this stressful time. **Kelly Landrigan** prays for the France Mission conference on 10–11 May. Pray for all the workers who attend, particularly as it is the first time since the merging of France Mission and Vision France that everyone will be together. **Colin & Catherine Puffett** pray for unity and progress for the gospel as France Mission and Vision France establish a new joint organisation, following a vote to merge together. **M** prays that she would get to know her neighbours better during Ramadan (15 May to 15 June) and that God would awaken a real hunger in people for the bread of life.

SUNDAY 6 – CMS AUSTRALIA

Pray for senior CMS-A staff as they have many meetings this coming week, including a senior staff retreat. Pray that things would run smoothly in the office in their absence. Pray for **Peter Rodgers** and **Elizabeth Richards** as they attend the installation of the new Tanzanian archbishop in mid-May. Pray for Elizabeth as she continues on to a pastoral visit in Europe and GAFCON. Pray for the Federal Candidates Committee as it meets in Melbourne on 23–24 May.

MONDAY 7 – SOUTH ASIA

S & I pray for new opportunities to train caregivers in the home care network that I has been involved in. Pray for her as she disciples the supervisor and for spiritual conversations with people. **L** prays for Christians facing increased pressure during the month of Ramadan. Pray for opportunities to share the gospel with friends. Pray for **S (& T)** as they settle into a new ministry running a rest house for Christian workers. Give thanks for this opportunity to serve together. Pray that **E** would grow in her trust of God during a period of uncertainty and waiting. **D & S** pray for perseverance with language. Pray also that D would continue to build healthy relationships with faculty and staff. **David & Georgina Newmarch** pray that their Pakistani brothers and sisters would crave pure spiritual milk so that they can grow to full maturity (1 Peter 2:2).

TUESDAY 8 – NEPAL

S prays that she would be salt and light to those God puts in her path. **K** gives thanks for her marriage to B on 22 April. Pray for them as they settle into married life together. **K & M** continue to pray for long-term, qualified and committed teachers. **D & E** praise God for a good end to term and farewells to teachers. Pray for history, English and art teachers for the new academic year. **J** prays that she would adapt to life in Kathmandu well and develop friendly relationships with the school community. Pray for her as she learns about her role and the functioning of the school.

WEDNESDAY 9 – NEPAL

G & R thank God for workshops held at their church last month on preaching and child protection. Pray for Christ's love to be seen by hospital patients and staff, and for strength and wisdom for leadership. **L & T** pray for success in securing a research visa despite a lengthy and complex application process. Pray for discernment and wisdom as they choose how to serve and invest their time in their new location. **B & L** give thanks for an insightful trip to Nepalganj to understand more of their partner organisation's work. Pray for creative rest from demanding roles.

THURSDAY 10 – MIDDLE EAST

Pray that **J** would keep trusting in God's provision and care in a very busy final month of deputation and goodbyes. **S** prays for salty conversations about fasting and grace during Ramadan. **L** prays that God would be at work in her neighbours and friends during Ramadan. Pray for ideas on how to talk about Jesus during this time. **B** prays that God would reveal himself to those who are seeking him during Ramadan. Pray that she would have meaningful and deeper conversations with her local friends. **S & C** pray for C as she finishes her role and hands over to the new school principal. Pray that the school would continue to faithfully proclaim the gospel message. **C** prays that God would bless her time with family in Australia over the next few months.

FRIDAY 11 – UAE, JORDAN & MIDDLE EAST

W & C pray for the eight theological students coming from Boston, USA to spend six weeks as interns helping with training small group leaders. **K** prays for the English and Bible café that her team are hoping to run in May. Pray for a place to meet and for many to attend. **J & D** praise God for Easter services last month, including 50 baptisms in the ocean on Sunday. Pray for the church registration to be granted and for visas to follow quickly so that they can find permanent accommodation. **Malcolm & Charissa** pray that they would say good farewells to those moving on over the next few weeks. Pray for encouragement for those who are leaving and those who are staying. **T & K** pray for the development of new teachers at their Bible college. **M** praises God for the encouragement she has received from her supporters.

SATURDAY 12 – TANZANIA

Mike & Katie Taylor pray that God would raise up, equip and send workers for the harvest. **Geoff & Martha Boye** pray for their eldest daughter, Kara, as she sits her final school exams, starting on 8 May. **Liz Burns** praises God for a recent holiday and for visits to her link churches. Pray for decisions regarding future ministry. Pray for **Kevin & Karen**

Flanagan as they travel to their new home in the Diocese of Lake Rukwa. Pray that the new Archbishop of Tanzania, Rev Maimbo Mndwola, would be a godly, wise and courageous leader. **Arthur & Tamie Davis** pray for the search for a new full-time national director for TAFES. Pray for a person with strong strategic thinking, leadership and pastoral skills.

SUNDAY 13 – TANZANIA

Glen & Dominique Turner give thanks for the good support and encouragement Glen has been receiving from the Diocesan leadership. **Matthew & Samantha Archer** praise the Lord that their daughter, Imani, turns nine today. Pray that she would always walk in the ways of the Lord. Pray for blessing on the Christians worshipping at Serengeti Church today and that they would be filled with the desire to tell their neighbours about Jesus. **Judith Calf** praises God for the 13 evangelists who will graduate from the Bible school on 25 May. Pray that their lives and ministries would be grounded in Jesus.

MONDAY 14 – D R CONGO, SOUTH AFRICA & NAMIBIA

Graham & Wendy Toulmin give thanks for good medical results for Graham. Pray for good learning for the dental students in the final months of the academic year. **David & Prue Boyd** pray that they would reconnect with friends and colleagues, and settle back into their work quickly after being away for nine months. **Nathan & Diane Lovell** pray for a quick recovery for Shiri following the removal of her tonsils and adenoids on 10 May. **Kylie Zietsch** praises God for the end of a great term with students at JBC, as well as the arrival of her parents for a visit. Pray for wisdom as the senior team meets to discuss the rest of the year. **Mike & Karen Roe** thank God for recent opportunities for NETS to be advertised on radio and TV. Give thanks for fruitful discussions on these forums, including the application of the Bible to some topical issues. **Daniel & Olivia Webster** pray for their practical needs of accommodation, visas and financial support, as well as their spiritual needs of hope and consistency in seeking godliness.

TUESDAY 15 – ETHIOPIA, EAST AFRICA & KENYA

Roger & Lynn Kay pray that Bishop Mouneer would encourage churches and visit refugee camps during his trip to Ethiopia (12–16 May). Pray for wisdom in the appointment of a new bishop for the Horn of Africa. **Maggie Crewes** prays for Retrak's head fundraiser, Priyanka, as she works with the teams to submit funding proposals. Pray for the big EU and DFID proposals that were submitted last month. **Shane & Naomi Rubie** praise God that Ethiopia has elected a new prime minister who is Christian. Pray that he would rule with justice and wisdom. **Norm & Janelle Gorrie** pray for Janelle as she suffers pain after a fall and the discouragement of having to slow down her ministry. Thank God that Norm's work is going from strength to strength.

WEDNESDAY 16 – JAPAN

Chenny Thie prays for good relationships with KGK staff and key student leaders in Tama-block. **Nathan & Maki Clapham** give thanks for the new students' welcome event last weekend. Pray that the students would join Bible studies at their universities. **Matt & Jen Lim** pray for a restful and fruitful month in Queensland spending time with family

and connecting with a new link church. **Adam & Helene Ramsay** pray for their team to find a new leader. Pray that their friends would be curious about Jesus. **Steven & Sandra Parsons** pray for their family as they adjust to Australia for Home Assignment. Pray for safety as they travel to Newcastle and Adelaide over the coming weeks. **Roger & Noriko Dethlefs** thank God for the ministry of Pastor Takeuchi at Eifuku Minami Church over the past 27 years. Pray for a smooth transition as he retires and the new pastor and his wife get to know people.

THURSDAY 17 – JAPAN, TAIWAN & HONG KONG

Brad & Michelle Jackson praise God for the youth who came to camp in March. Pray that the youth group might help connect them to God and the church family. Pray for a youth picnic being held on 20 May. **Kellie Nicholas** gives thanks for the chance to reconnect with family and friends. Pray for refreshing holidays. **Dene & Rachel Hughes** give thanks for the new school year and a regular rhythm. Pray for Elliott getting used to his new school and for Simeon in his new Year 5 class. **Dave & Beck McIntyre** pray for Beck as she works hard at understanding and remembering biblical and church language. Pray for Dave as he preaches on Pentecost this Sunday. **Marshall & Julie Scott** pray for the provision of Bible teachers for Hope Church in Taiwan. Pray for their family as they adapt back to life in Australia and for complete healing for Daniel. **Ian & Narelle Hadfield** pray for a refreshing holiday with family and friends. Pray for their growth groups in Hong Kong while they are away.

FRIDAY 18 – EAST ASIA

L & J thank God for deeper relationships with African students in their fellowship. Pray for more opportunities for discipleship and training. Pray for God's wisdom in reaching students with the gospel in their context. **D & L** pray for the overworked and exhausted church leaders in their midst. Pray for endurance and wisdom in raising up and training new leaders. **S & K** pray that God would enable them to learn language well and grant opportunities to engage with their neighbours. Pray that J would settle into their new home and routine, and have opportunities to make local friends. **D & T** give thanks that their small school now has a short-term teacher for two years. Pray for God to raise up a long-term teacher soon. **E** prays for patience and growth in godliness as she waits to go to location. **L** prays for good energy to engage with link churches.

SATURDAY 19 – DEVELOPMENT & TRAINING

SAH: Mimy Gardner thanks God for a fun time with family over Easter. Pray that she would continue to apply her SAH learning when she returns to Leipzig. **K** prays for good winter routines as the weather gets colder. Pray that she would be a wise and gracious learner. **Jim & Tanja French** pray that they would continue to learn well at SAH and also have quality time with their children, Evie and Silas. **M & K** pray for their final weeks of training at SAH, for wisdom as they select which visa to apply for and for good communication with all involved. **L & C** pray that God would continue to reveal to them what their ministry will be. Pray that they would continue to adjust to being new parents. **Matt & Kate Vinicombe** pray that they would grow in parenting their children, Bethany and Chloe, through a course they are doing.

Mentac: Pray that new believers would be bold and clear in sharing their faith. Pray for the *When Women Speak* training

meetings on 25–26 May.

SUNDAY 20 – CAMBODIA

Dave & Leoni Painter give thanks for the opportunity to be involved in their local church. **Wim & Maaïke Prins** give thanks for opportunities to offer hospitality and have fellowship with people from church. Pray for a good transfer of roles and responsibilities as Maaïke steps out of the management of HOPE International School. **Bethany Vaughan** praises God for the ways he is transforming her while in Cambodia. Pray for further spiritual growth as she seeks to draw others to faith in Jesus. **Craig & Samantha McCorkindale** give thanks for their children finishing their first year at school in Cambodia. Give thanks for the school they attend.

MONDAY 21 – INDONESIA & TIMOR-LESTE

J & D pray that the students sitting exams would be able to clearly explain the Bible truths that they have learned. **R** praises God for fruitful visits to link churches and the generosity of people in their prayer, encouragement and support. **Alan & Helen Wood** pray that their church would find new ways to reach out to the lost in Jakarta. **Chris & Grace Adams** pray for a peaceful time after the national election in Timor-Leste (12 May). Pray that the new government would lead with concern for all Timorese people. Pray that Protestant church freedoms would remain under the new government. **Andrew Buchanan (& Abi Tandiseru)** pray for the final weeks of the teaching semester, including the completion of Abi's master's thesis and examination.

TUESDAY 22 – SOUTH EAST ASIA

J & I thank God for a set routine for the children with home schooling and activities. Pray for good connections with ministry partners as they seek to work together in sharing the gospel. **T & E** pray that they would use their last weeks with the graduating students well, so that they may go on to grow in faith and serve the Lord. **I** praises God that workers in her location are having more seekers visit and read the word with them. Give thanks for a visit from a friend seeking God's will for her life and for a pastoral visit from CMS. **H & M** give thanks that God is teaching them to rely more and more on him in good and bad times. **L & I** pray that the last few weeks of semester at St Andrew's Hall would go well.

WEDNESDAY 23 – SOUTH EAST ASIA

T & J give thanks for 50 international students who came to FOCUS Easter Camp last month and heard the good news. Pray for ongoing follow-up, deepening relationships, gospel conversations and open hearts. **N** thanks God for her Christian brothers and sisters in her location. Pray that they would shine like stars as they hold firmly to the word of life. **M & L** pray for smooth preparations and an uneventful trip back to location in early June. Give thanks for the graduation of the first cohort of Bible college students. **J** thanks God for the completion of end-of term exams. Pray for wisdom as the marking process takes place. **Mark & Rosemary Dickens** praise God for a good start to the Christianity Explored course and for the faithful leaders involved. Pray that participants would come to a deep understanding of who Jesus is. **S** prays for wisdom and insight as she studies and thinks about how connections can be made within the majority faith. Pray for the Spirit to enable her to share of Jesus, who can meet us in our suffering and use it for his glory (Isaiah 61:1–3).

THURSDAY 24 – CHILE

Gary & Julie Haddon pray that Gary would speak clearly and faithfully as he gives talks at a church retreat in Concepción. Pray that the women studying at CEP with their husbands would be encouraged and equipped for their future ministries. **Frances Cook** prays for the three new dioceses formed and new bishops appointed as part of the new Anglican Province of Chile. **Michael & Joanne Charles** pray for encouraging words as they visit their link churches. Pray for faithful use of time as they move into a season of study. **Chris & Stef Overhall** give thanks for language progress and pray for continued improvement. Pray that God would help them and the kids to develop more relationships. Pray for good health during winter.

FRIDAY 25 – MEXICO & BOLIVIA

Peter & Sarah Sholl pray for a three-day intensive course with a small group of Anglican leaders that Peter is teaching in central Mexico. **Adrian & Anita Lovell** give thanks for the group studying the Christian Worship module in Cochabamba. Pray that they would be diligent in their studies and that God would transform them by his Spirit as they study his word. **Nick & Kysha Davies** thank God for good health for Kysha and for the provision of an apartment for them to live in. **Grahame & Patty Scarratt** give thanks for a request for a large quantity of the book, *God's Big Picture*. Pray for changes being made to fundraising so that the *Libros Gran Panorama* ministry can continue.

SATURDAY 26 – ARGENTINA

Peter & Terry Blowes pray that they would be rested and renewed by their holiday before starting deputation in June. Pray that they would greatly bless those who have supported them over the last three years. **Martin & Julie Field** pray that many students in their high school ministry would catch the vision of sharing Jesus with their friends. **Amy Stephens** thanks God for the young adults' ministry at her church. Pray for her as she serves the group by leading a weekly Bible study and mentoring younger women.

SUNDAY 27 – NORTH AUSTRALIA

Wayne Oldfield & Mandy Jones pray that they would convey the needs of the Aboriginal Church and how God is working through Nungalinya College while on Home Assignment. **Tavis & Kate Beer** pray that the Katherine Christian Convention (KCC) was a time of great fellowship and glory to God. **Terry & Liz McCoy** give thanks for 50 years of the Northern Territory Anglican Diocese. Pray for good fellowship, encouragement and learning as clergy and church workers gather for a conference this week. **Matt & Lisa Pearson** pray that God would have equipped all who gathered at KCC for growing his kingdom. Pray for their family in another transition to Darwin as they learn Kunwinjku and participate in Diocesan training. **Derek & Rosemary Snibson** continue to pray for Derek's recovery from a back injury. Pray for wisdom in knowing how best to prepare for leaving, including farewelling family, friends and supporters. **Chris & Karen Webb** pray for wisdom and constant improvement in communicating the gospel to Indigenous Australians.

MONDAY 28 – VANUATU, FIJI & PAPUA NEW GUINEA

Keith & Marion Birchley pray that the student fellowship's governance meetings with Howard Spencer (8–10 June) would be very beneficial. **Tony & Susie Wright** give thanks for interviews for two ministry positions in Sydney. Pray for wisdom in deciding where to serve. **Joel & Tiffanie Atwood** pray for a strong end to the semester with ECF. Pray for planning for the regional student conference in August. Pray for Joel as he remains on location for a few extra weeks while Tiff and Hosea return to Australia in preparation for the birth of the baby.

TUESDAY 29 – CMS BRANCHES

NSW & ACT: Pray that supporters would be motivated to give generously during the Lasting Hope Appeal. Pray that this partnership in God's mission would result in more people around the world becoming faithful followers of Jesus.

QNSW: Praise God for the appointment of Mark Fairhurst as the new Branch General Secretary. Pray for Mark and Leanne as they prepare to move to Queensland.

SANT: Pray for the 100-year celebration of CMS SANT at the annual dinner. Give thanks for 100 years of gospel partnership and envisioning the future of *a world that knows Jesus*.

TAS: Pray for churches currently considering partnering with CMS and the branch's missionary-in-training, K. Give thanks for the first World Mission Conference held earlier this month.

VIC: Pray for God's blessing on the Regional Mission Engagement Dinners in Bendigo and Geelong. Pray that they would promote enthusiasm and passion amongst his faithful servants in regional Victoria.

WA: Give thanks for the faithful supporters who pray, care and give so that missionaries can go.

Former Missionaries' Fellowship: Thank God for the life of Stephanie (Central Asia 2009–10, 2012–16), who died 22 March. Pray for her sister and brother-in-law, Tamie and Arthur Davis (Tanzania) and all her family and friends. Pray for Anne Richards (Iran 1956–75) recovering from surgery for cancer.

WEDNESDAY 30 – CMS FELLOWSHIP

With **CMS Tasmania**, praise God for new churches coming on board to partner with CMS for the first time. Praise God for the strong and enduring relationship with the Anglican Diocese of Tasmania and for the growth of many evangelical churches within the state. Praise God for all who came to the inaugural World Mission Conference, including those who had not previously had any connection with CMS. Pray that those connections would see more people commit to the CMS model of pray, care, give and go.

THURSDAY 31 – CMS PARTNERS

Pray for CMS's four co-mission partners in Nepal, working in disaster response, higher theological education, Buddhist communities, mentorship ministries and local church ministries. Thank God for his faithfulness in raising up local workers for the harvest field. Pray that he would bless them and their work, and that all they do would be for his glory.