

Through Faith Missions (TFM) PRAYER MAIL – Wednesday 30 August 2017

Richard is still away in Sumatra returning over this coming weekend. Read the report below.

Roger has had a good summer developing an outreach called the 'Kabin' on a local estate in Seaford and planning activities there for during the autumn. He is looking forward to missions coming up in Hungerford, Bicester, Eastbourne and the West of Ireland with Jim Fleming.

David B writes 'I hope you all had a great summer. Whether you have been away or just at home I always find that it's good to take a break from the usual round of activities. It has certainly been quiet in the office (although not today as we have workmen outside shredding trees that have been removed!).

Now we approach the autumn term and fresh beginnings – hopefully with renewed vigour! My reading this morning ended with the sentence 'Without change, there is no growth'. I wonder what excitement we have ahead!? Do pray particularly this month and in to October for the 4 missions that are coming up and that we will see many lives changed as a result.

Conference 2018

We are canvassing whether to organise our usual one-day conference or a whole weekend to include teaching and more time for fellowship. Please can you help us decide? [Click here](#) to go to our website to answer this one question. Thanks.

Fri 1 Sept	Roger meeting with seniors group planning outreach at the Kabin
Sun 3 Sept	David C Prayer ministry during communion
Tues 5 Sept	Roger meeting with 'Kabin' outreach group planning Autumn programme
	David C Area prayers
Sat 9 Sept	Roger speaking at men's breakfast in Wadhurst, Kent
	Richard Mission prep training at Purley on Thames, supported by a number of TFM regulars
Sun 10 – Wed 20 Sept	Roger and Jill on Holiday
Wed 13 Sept	David C Home group restarts
Sat 16 Sept	Richard Mission prep training at Breaston in Derbyshire, supported by a number of TFM regulars

Regular prayer focus. (T) Team members (F) Finance (M) Missions

Future Missions

Lead	Mission	Dates
RS	Sumatra	18 Aug – 3 Sept
RS/RH	Purley	23 Sep – 1 Oct
RM/DC/RH	Hungerford	28 Sept – 1 Oct
RS/RH	Breaston, Derbyshire	7 – 15 Oct
RM/DC/RH	Bicester	5 – 8 Oct

News from the Bexhill mission

Martin West writes; 'Well great news, 26 came to Alpha last night on session 8 of 13, glory to God, and someone has come for the first time every week thus far! 3 new ones came last night for example. In total over 35 have attended, praise God.

Folk in the church who aren't in leadership are leading the 4 group discussions after the showing of the dvd each Wednesday and showing skills previously untapped and people freely expressing themselves including those unchurched.

We have a Holy Spirit day booked for Sept 16th and anticipate wonderful things of God. Your prayers for the remainder of Alpha and what we do midweek after it finishes would be appreciated. I have shared some Christianity Explored and Freedom in Christ material with Pastor today but so long as God's will is done then all will be tickety boo!

Pray for another mission next year too please, hopefully Easter, God willing, but its early days.. We also enjoyed a great church camp at Ashburnham last week (Ichthus Revive Camp) despite the elements!

So be encouraged! God is good! (all the time.....)

Walk Uganda 2018

Please pray as plans are being made for Walk Uganda 2018. Ask that the Lord will make it clear if He wants a team to go, where He wants them to be (there are too many possible centres wanting them!) and that He would also specifically call those He wants on the team.

Pray too for contact with potential hosts, the sorting of flight details and all the other details that go into planning such a mission. May it all be for the extension of His Kingdom, that lives will be changed for His praise and glory!

News from Somalia

We have received a couple of messages as to what Richard and the team are doing as follows;

Dear Loved ones,

We arrived safely in Medan after a long flight at 0830am on Friday. However, checked bags did not arrive with us. They seem to have been left in Kuala Lumpur! In the meantime Masao, our local host, arranged for us to wait at his uncles home in Medan while Tony and Richard went off to purchase medication and then to the airport. Lily followed them as all the luggage tags were attached to her passport.

Next flight from KL arrived at 3pm. However, the driver who was helping to push the trolley with the luggage was stopped at customs while the others had gone ahead. Masao managed to sort it after 2 hours of long negotiations! The team finally left Medan at 730pm and arrived in Kabanjahe (our base for the next 2 weeks) at 1130pm.

Tired and exhausted we got to bed having stopped half way to have dinner.

Saturday after breakfast we did a 4-hour clinic in a church building seeing 112 patients. Doctors examined some interesting patients. Prayer team prayed with some of the patients, pharmacy was busy and therapy seeing patients for mostly musculoskeletal problems and some stroke including doing some group sessions.

We had a lovely late lunch followed soon after by another lovely meal prepared by pastor Ocklins family at her home. The team then met some 100 youth and did some interactive discussions on life choices. Very well received.

Sunday- Travel began at 8am for a church in Kuta Buluh about a 2-hour drive. One of the team members was not well and Dad- Tony accompanied her to Medan to fly back to the UK. Tony arrived back at Kabanjahe about 430pm. While the team did a Sunday school class of singing and drama after church while other team members prayed for the individuals who requested for prayer. And later after lunch did some workshops with Sunday school teachers. An encouraging session of how to lead children to Christ. How to help with children and their concentration. Sessions was well received and very interactive and they really got into practicing some dramas on parables of Jesus (they had never done this before -teaching through drama). We shared lunch with the Pastor Bangun from Kuta Buluh church prepared by his family. We had a blessed time of Sabbath fellowship with brother sister Christians.

Monday 21st Aug was Caroline and Henrietta's birthday and the team helped them celebrate with embun cake, an eastern (Cake) delicacy and a western butter sponge cake, balloons and singing 'Happy Birthday' and durian the king of the fruits. Soon after we started clinic at a village in Munteh. We were based in a community hall and started with some seminars for the local community. Some of the issues raised were smoking, unhealthy diets, stress, financial and family problems. We had them in groups to discuss this and

facilitated the groups. We then had some drama to bring home the message on smoking enacted by Caroline and Dr Tony- well received. Later we had local folk dancing and singing gospel songs. Richard was the star of the dancing – beautiful. The team joined in and learnt some Batak dancing which the local loved watching us foreigners in action... Caroline gave her testimony followed by viewing of the Jesus film and Henrietta giving a gospel talk with many responding to the invitation to follow Jesus and local Pastors taking down names to follow them up. It was a long day getting home for 1am-tired and exhausted we headed to bed. Tuesday was clinic all day at the Munteh church and Rebecca gave a gospel talk which was well received and patients responded to the message on the rich young man and idols. We were fed well by the local team again another delicious meal.

Wednesday-We had an early start of 7am and headed out to the church in Munteh, Lily and Malti gave feedback on the seminar that we had done the previous day. Dr Richard did a gospel talk and this was followed by a drama by Dr Richard, Dr Tony and Caroline on burden and 2 choices. This was well received followed by a summary of the drama. We then started clinic late morning and was in full swing till 745pm only stopping for lunch and a 10-minute tea break seeing about 160 patients. Lots of glasses were given out and the team was very busy but we were all well looked after by the local church family. Henrietta had a little mishap with boiling water falling on her foot while we were travelling in the vehicle. The urn toppled over when the vehicle went over a bump. We were not aware of the hot water in the urn! Praise God we quickly poured lots of cold bottled water and wrapped in Lydia's wet leggings as a cold compress for the rest of the journey. Aunty the pharmacist gave her some sulphur Diazine cream. This morning PTL no blister and her foot is well- only some swelling from the heat. Today we have a half day off so some of the team members are going to have some retail therapy of batik and sarong buying. While Drs R and T keep working!!!

Thank you for your prayers. Please continue to pray for the mission and the team.
Blessings
Caroline