

Through Faith Missions (TFM) PRAYER MAIL – Wednesday 15 November 2017

Richard is away on holiday until Nov 27

Roger had a good planning meeting in Eastbourne as we look ahead to an outreach in May and it was also good to meet up with Ian and Erika Biscoe to review the mission in Bicester and to hear of many changed lives as we look forward to another outreach next May.

Events at the Cabin are being progressing well with more people coming. We did some door to door in the area which was very fruitful.

Roz writes This week my studies have been focused on the fact that without the Holy Spirit being present there is no evangelism. In fact, one author goes on to say that evangelism is a collaboration between us and God and, therefore, we should be seeking what He is already doing, not asking Him to bless what we want to do. This may or may not be news to you, rather common sense, but it's the putting of this into action that can be difficult. When we collaborate with God, it usually works as a one-way system: God does the talking and directing, we do the listening and the obeying through action.

This brings me onto my reading this morning, Matthew 2:13-18 'The Escape to Egypt'. In this story Joseph is given clear instructions by God through a messenger angel. Joseph listened and he was obedient to the command, saving him, Mary and baby Jesus. If Joseph hadn't have trusted what he was told and then acted, it could have been a very different story.

Many of us will have experienced God talking to us; we may be prompted to speak to a stranger sat next to us and often there is the temptation to think of reasons why we shouldn't give it a go. OK, the life of baby Jesus might not be at risk this time and the consequences might not be so high, but what if that person is waiting to hear the good news of Jesus and God has lined us up to be the messenger? We don't always know what is going on in the lives of those around us, but we do know a story that can bring hope to everyone.

We are fast approaching Advent, a time of expectation and hope for many. Some are looking for a Christmas miracle and we as Christians can share with them about the greatest miracle that has ever happened. As you can see, this week has brought with it a lot to think about and much more to act upon. Please pray that on my travels this weekend, if God prompts a conversation, I am obedient and respond. Please also pray for safe travel for those who are attending my SCE year's final training weekend. Please keep in your prayers for it to be a happy last time together and especially for a fellow student who has always been a blessing during my visits but who won't be able to join us as he is in hospital.

David C We give thanks for a very good review meeting with Emmanuel church, Bicester and, subject to PCC approval on Nov 28th, we have fixed April 15th for a preparatory and training visit followed by a weekend mission from May 17th to 20th.

Wed 15 Nov	David C Home group
Fi 17 Nov	David B meets with Paul Preston, TFM chair of Trustees to plan and pray.
Fri 17 to Sun 19 Nov	Roger and Jim in the West of Ireland with Bishop Ferran Glenfield making a mission presentation for Walk West of Ireland in 2019, at the Diocesan Resources day near Cavan on Sat and preaching locally on Sunday. Please pray for interest and for churches to sign up.
	Roz travels over to Belfast for her last SCE training weekend
Sun 19 Nov	All Saints, New Haw and Heathervale Baptist church will be praying today to discern how best to partner with TFM for their 2019 mission
Mon 20 Nov	Roger leads Cabin Team meeting, Seaford.
Thurs 23 Nov	Roger meeting church leaders in Ashburnham for an evangelistic outreach next year called 'The Turning' across East Sussex.
Sat 25 Nov	Roger attends half-day Leaders conference at Seaford Baptist Church
Sun 26 Nov	Roger making a presentation for outreach across Seaford in 2018.
Fri 24 to Sat 25 Nov	David B attending a Willow Creek Leadership conference in Cambridge.

Staff and Trustees Retreat – 6-8 December

We will be gathering again at St Mark's College in Audley End again in early December and would value your prayers as we prepare for that as well as the event itself – practical details as well as spiritual.

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

Prayer request for Uganda from Martin West

I will be travelling alone to Uganda this coming Monday night Nov 20th from Gatwick for a fortnight. There I will meet up with Evangelist Bruno who I and the team have known and worked with for the last 7 years. Bruno attends Life Ministry Christian Centre Church in Mukono where the whole Walk Uganda 2018 team hope to be based for the 1st week in February. It's roughly an hour North East of Kampala.

Please would all TFM Prayer Warriors intercede & pray for safety & protection for me according to every promise of Psalm 91, good health during their rainy season, divine appointments, Holy Spirit inspired wisdom, knowledge & discernment per Isaiah 11 v 2-5, that the brethren there be encouraged in the Lord & that many get saved and disciplined for His honour, glory & praise.

I have an open schedule while there & must allow the Holy Spirit free reign & obey what I hear! I hope to meet our brother Terry Saunders at Entebbe airport for a catch up as I arrive and he departs Uganda after his 3 weeks evangelism with Bruno there. I return on Dec 5th in time for the Walk Uganda 2018 training weekend in Bedford. Colossians 3v23/24 is a great encouragement! Here is a link to the host church where the Pastor is Godfrey Muwanga: [Life Ministries Christian Centre](#).