

as they enter married life; a dedicated team at Chodort.

Items for prayer: A great second year for Play4all and an increase in dedicated volunteers; insight and wisdom in continuing to learn and develop my post at Chodort; the training centre to flourish continuing to support vulnerable youths.

The Van den Corput family (Nigeria)

The trip to Jos is about 700 km but it takes a whole day because of road blocks, bad roads and stops by tax collectors, although I have paid all the taxes. They stop people by putting a rod with nails in front of tyres until they have paid what is demanded.

- Pray for the smooth handover of the hospitals at the Colony and the involvement of the new bishop of Uzuakoli Diocese
- For more doctors and other staff for Ugwueke and the Colony.

Sharon and John Harbottle (Haiti)

A message from the Revd Gesner Paul: "We thank our precious partners for their solidarity, support and their education to the Haitian cause. As Nehemiah did, dear colleagues, co-workers, friends, members and partners, let us say together, 'Let us rise up and build!'"

It has been a difficult journey, but amazing to see what the Haitians have accomplished.

From the World Church monthly bulletin

Many of our overseas partners live through exceptional challenges and limitations. As we see God's mission unfolding all over the world, we in the UK are encouraged and challenged that despite difficulties, God's will is being put into practice, producing much fruit for the kingdom and those lives touched by God's mission.

Mission partners on leave – please contact Jan Deakin to check availability for speaking. Email: deakinj@methodistchurch.org.uk

Prayer requests for the next issue to reach Irene McKay by 1 July 2013.

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An update to the Prayer Handbook supporting our mission partners working across the world and in Britain

Please copy this leaflet for wider circulation and insert in church newsletters. Further paper and electronic copies are also available.

Mission partners on leave

Mission partners	Country	Leave dates
Julia Edwards	Fiji	1 June – 31 August
David Furnival	Nepal	March onwards
The Hill family	Zimbabwe	20 August – 10 September
The Holland family	Togo	mid-June – 17 August
Pat Jamison	Bangladesh	June onward
The Lacey family	Antigua	mid-October – mid-January
Helen Moorhead	Kenya	mid-June onward
Maggie Patchett	Belize	April (final furlough)
The Pender family	Bangladesh	(final furlough)
Clare Smithson	Kenya	mid-September – mid-November
Eddie and Susan Sykes	Bahamas	(final furlough)
Alison and Robin Walker	Italy	(final furlough)
The Wright family	Nepal	June – July

MWM World Mission Conference 2013

Mission Europe – God's purpose for us today

Keynote speakers: Dr Helena Vilaca, the Rt Revd Alastair Redfern

Date: 31 May-2 June 2013

Booking forms available from: Diana Bosman

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From our mission partners

The full texts of prayer letters and the WCR monthly bulletin are available by email or post from the MWM Prayer and Care coordinator.

Julia Edwards (Fiji and Rotunda)

- Pray for people worldwide whose food supplies and livelihoods have been and will be affected by climate change.
- Pray for Carteret Islanders, reliant on government food handouts.
- Give thanks for the Green Church Project and continued commitment of staff. Pray the Church in the Pacific can guide its communities to such Church-based agricultural action.
- Reflect on the role of food in our society and our welcome of strangers.

Wendy Kilworth-Mason (Sierra Leone)

- A primary problem for theological education is a lack of resources with a library full of 1970s books. Even with financial resources, there are no theological and few other bookshops.
- Students have had little exposure to a reading culture. Many are auditory learners with amazing recall.

Keith and Ida Waddell (Zambia)

Jesus condemns exploitative and uncaring relationships. The Zambia Sugar Trading Organisation's unjust situation, causing oppression and giving unfair advantages to some, needs recreation and transformation to encourage right relationships. With Zambia experiencing one of its worst road traffic accidents ever, the general secretary of the Council of Churches in Zambia (CCZ) said the country needed prayers and God's intervention now more than ever.

The Lund family (Zambia)

Some students struggled to perform in their final exams. The case of one student was really sad. Students need about £1,250 in tuition fees without directly soliciting support from congregations. His financial support was inadequate and he had to move around trying to raise fees. His newborn son developed pneumonia and died, and he couldn't concentrate and make up for lost time. This is an extreme example of the hurdles students have to overcome to become leaders within Zambian churches.

Cati and Malcolm Ramsay (Nepal)

- A leftover pot of tea was used to wash dishes. A critical shortage of water means no water should be wasted and a critical shortage of electricity means hot tea is preferable to cold water for dirty dishes.
- Road conditions are at a crossroads in Kathmandu.
- Please pray that we flourish here with many tests facing us. Electricity and water are often off. We manage well but it can get to us. Pray that our health will be good and that we will relate well to all.

Sheila and Michael Holland (Togo)

Twenty-four pastors shared their experiences of conflict in the Church and reflected on biblical material to help develop an understanding of kingdom values when approaching and managing conflict in their own ministries.



Andy Dye (Grenada)

Being a mission partner is about mission here and mission in the UK, where a community worker arranged a JMA service focusing on Grenada. I sent information and she replied: "We looked at Mark 6:7-13 and had lots of fun, learnt about mission, learnt about how God equips us and served hot chocolate to people in the snow! We prayed for you and all your work." Please give thanks and pray for:

- the support and friendship that I have here
- the staff of Wesley College
- the outreach to reach those living in physical poverty
- the work of all in the UK inspiring young people to mission in their locality
- the nation of Grenada as it elects its leaders
- God's guidance in the project to rebuild Constantine chapel.

"Trusting him whate'er befall; trusting Jesus, that is all."

Daniel and Grace Pratt Morris-Chapman (Cameroon)

I was surprised to be teaching New Testament, having specialized in quite a different area. What stills my heart are Paul's words: "Think of what you were when you were called. Not many of you were wise by human standards..." (1 Cor 1:26) Applied to myself this would be the understatement of the millennium. Pray that we can be encouragers to the students here. That with God's grace we may teach well and love well; that those under our care will know the love of Christ in all we say and do.

Jenny Featherstone (Zambia)

Chodort is aiming for self-sufficiency but struggles subsidising vulnerable youths unable to pay fees. We also seek help with the building programme. Renting out homes should enable us to be more self-reliant.

Items for praise: A wonderful group of volunteers in Kamatipa; Carol and John