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Winter 2011



December

NEPAL

1. Give thanks for the CMS Ireland META (Mission Experience Team Abroad) who are spending their last day in Kathmandu today before flying back to Belfast. Pray that the things that they have seen, heard and experienced would continue to challenge and inspire them and others as they return home.



Anne-Fleur and Rueben den Breejen
doing their homework in Arua, Madi
West Nile, Uganda

Human Development Community Services

2. Earlier this week, SP Kalaunee, who has been Acting Director of HDCS for over two years, flew with his wife to Philadelphia, USA to begin his PHD studies. Pray that God would watch over them both and they would settle in quickly to this new chapter in their lives.

3. Continue to pray for the work of the ABBS centres. Pray particularly for Tulsa as she oversees this aspect of HDCS's work, that God would continue to encourage, inspire and bless her in all that she does.

EGYPT

Diocese of Egypt

4. Pray that God's sovereign hand would be on the outcome of recent elections in Egypt. Pray for peace, stability and freedom for all Egyptian people.

5. Pray for unity between religious groups in Egypt. Pray for Bishop Mouneer as he travels to London with the Grand Imam of Egypt for the Al Azhar–Anglican Communion Interfaith Dialogue on the 5th and 6th of December.

KENYA

Urban Development Programme (UDP)

6. Thank God for the UDP which has just celebrated its 20th anniversary. At a festive meeting, the history of the UDP was reviewed and the hopes of the members expressed. It was a wonderful occasion, at which the members sent greetings and thanks to all Link Churches and supporters.

7. Please pray for the visit of the CMS Ireland delegation to the UDP communities today - that this may be a time of prayer, encouragement and joy in international fellowship.

8. At this time, please pray for the students from the community who are sitting examinations at the end of the school year. Please pray that those UDP students finishing primary and secondary schools would find places in secondary schools and universities respectively when examination results are released early in the New Year.

BURUNDI

Gitega Diocese

9. Please pray for the newly opened Saint Luke's College and Saint Luke's Primary School in Gitega. Pray for the Governing Boards and the Staff of both schools as they provide leadership and guidance. Pray that the standard of education would be of a high quality.

10. Pray for the church as it grows in Gitega Diocese. In particular, pray for the construction of a new church building in Mumuri and for church planting programmes in the province of Ruyigi.

KENYA

Kajiado Diocese

11. The retirement service for the current Bishop of Kajiado, Jeremiah Taama, takes place today. Pray that the service will bring more glory to God, and that Bishop Taama's retirement will enable him to become a blessing to many people, not only in Kajiado, but all over the world.

12. Next Sunday, 18th December, sees an ordination service take place in Emmanuel Cathedral, Kajiado. Please pray that those who will be ordained into priesthood will become beacons of hope and reconciliation in Kajiado Diocese and beyond.

13. On Sunday 15th January, the second bishop of Kajiado Diocese will be consecrated and enthroned at Emmanuel Cathedral, Kajiado. Pray for the preparations for the service and ask God's blessing on the Bishop Elect, that they would know God's love and guidance in the weeks and months ahead.

UGANDA

Ken and Judith Finch

14. Pray for Judith as she joins the Rehabilitation Dept in her capacity as Occupational Therapist. Thank God for this opportunity and pray for wisdom in selecting the most appropriate and helpful therapy interventions.

15. Pray for Ken and Judith in their spiritual journeys. Pray that they would also be effective in using the opportunities provided by personal and work relationships to encourage and challenge others in their faith.

IRELAND

CMS Ireland Staff

16. The CMS Ireland staff are having a team day this week, to look back over the last year together and spend some time planning for 2012. Pray that it will be an enjoyable and fruitful day and ask God to bless the staff and anoint the work that they do.

SOUTH SUDAN

Maridi Diocese

17. Pray for the team of 25 young people from Maridi Diocese as they prepare for a one-week mission in Ezo Diocese during the third week of February.

18. Pray for Bishop Justin Badi of Maridi Diocese as he prepares for the ordination of 15 deacons today. Pray too for Maridi Diocese's Land Committee as it approaches the government next month for the renewal of the Diocesan land lease.

BURUNDI

Alison Gill

19. Give thanks for Alison's new Burundi colleague, Abel, who has been appointed to deal only with trauma training. He had already been volunteering with Alison but funding was received for him in the Autumn. Pray that Abel will continue to settle in and grow in his understanding of trauma healing.

20. Alison recently had a week's break in Nairobi which included some de-briefing and supervision. Pray that she is able to make use of the things she learnt there in her life back in Burundi.

21. Last month, Flame International returned to Burundi again (they come twice a year) and Alison joined them as they went to Gitega and Makamba Dioceses for two-week long trauma healing conferences. Pray that the training and ministry will have had a significant impact on those who attended.

UGANDA

Paul and Tania Baker

22. Pray that God would give Paul wisdom as he and the Board at Kiwoko choose a new staff member to look after IT at the hospital. Pray that the training for this role will go well and free up Paul to spend more time on the medical equipment.

23. Remember Paul and Tania as they spend their first Christmas away from family. Pray that they will enjoy the celebrations in Uganda and that God would bless their families and friends in

24. Pray for Paul and Tania's input into the preparations for teams and other visitors to Kiwoko in 2012. Pray that they can put together programmes that will benefit the hospital as well as inspire and challenge those who visit.

CHRISTMAS PRAYERS

25. "Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord." Today we celebrate the coming of the Anointed King, born in an outhouse of a royal city, born to bring us life. Let us give thanks today for this most precious gift.

26. "This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." This Christmas, may we each return to the cradle of our faith and rediscover Jesus in new and transforming ways.

RWANDA

Shyogwe Diocese

27. RDIS, an inter-diocesan development programme involving Shyogwe Diocese, has adopted a new approach to mobilising local churches and communities for development. Please pray that this initiative would be fruitful for the community members served by RDIS.

28. The RDIS staff team are collecting data from community members in order to develop work plans for 2012/13. Please pray for the staff involved in this process and for the conversations that take place with local people. Pray that the plans developed would meet the needs of the local community.

29. The Diocese of Shyogwe is currently going through a process of developing their strategic plan for the next 10 years. Pray for staff and volunteers involved in developing the plan - that God would guide and inspire them, as they set the direction of the diocese for the years to come.

ETHIOPIA

Gambella Region (Diocese of Egypt)

30. Pray for the needs of the Episcopal Area of the Horn of Africa, for the growth of the church and the newly confirmed. Pray for the selection committee for the new Area (Assistant) Bishop for the Horn of Africa. Pray that God will choose the right candidate and that God will prepare the Horn of Africa for an abundant harvest.

31. Please pray for Colin and Julia Hodgetts and the staff of the new Anglican Centre in Gambella as they manage the various projects.

January 2012

NEW YEAR PRAYERS

- 1.** God of new beginnings, we thank you for the year ahead and for new opportunities to bless and be blessed. We offer you our lives, our time, our energies and talents and pray that you will transform us and use us to transform others. God of new beginnings, we thank you.
- 2.** God of new possibilities, we pray that you would open our eyes to see the things that you would have us do, to see the people you would have us serve, to be the people you would have us be. God of new possibilities, guide and direct our paths.

ZAMBIA

Diocese of Northern Zambia

3. Pray for the Diocese's missions to the refugee camp over the next four months. The Northern Zambia Diocesan Evangelism Team will focus on specific parishes. Pray for revival and renewal in these places. Please pray for the Diocese of Northern Zambia's Community Outreach programmes, which will have an emphasis on health and women's empowerment.

St John's Seminary, Kitwe

- 4.** Please pray for Revd Berry Muchemwa, the Dean of Studies at St John's, as he facilitates courses and conducts lectures.
- 5.** Pray that the students of the Seminary may know God's call on their lives and pray that they may experience His leading as they grow in their faith and prepare for ordination.



Drumcree META team visiting
Alison Gill in Burundi

UGANDA

Luwero Diocese - Kiwoko Hospital

6. Uganda is currently experiencing inflation rates of over 30%. This is causing a strain on the finances of Kiwoko Hospital as well as the population at large. Please pray for the good use of resources at the hospital as it seeks to provide quality and affordable healthcare to people in the area.

7. Kiwoko Hospital charges patients on average £5/€6 per person for their care at the hospital. Give thanks for the support that Kiwoko receives from people around the world to help subsidize healthcare and pray for continued support.

SOUTH SUDAN

Kajo-Keji Diocese

8. Pray for the pastors and teachers being trained at Canon Benaiah Poggio College. Ask God to equip them for ministries in churches and schools across the diocese.

9. Thank God for the two Primary schools which have been completed with the support of CMS Ireland and Link Parishes in Ireland. Pray for the ongoing construction projects in the diocese, which include a Primary and a Secondary School. Pray also for the construction of a diocesan office, which it is hoped will commence soon.

Yei Diocese

10. Give thanks for Yei Diocese's partnership with CMS Ireland and the many Link Parishes in Ireland. Thank God for the support for health, education and leadership training in the diocese. Pray that this may have a positive impact in transforming the most vulnerable communities.

11. Currently, there are serious challenges to peace in the new nation of the Republic of South Sudan. Pray that God would uphold the country at this difficult time.

Jenny Bell (Short Term Experience Placement)

12. Pray that God would guide Jenny and would show her the next steps in South Sudan after April, when this STEP comes to an end. Pray for peace and trust while she listens and waits for clarity. Pray too that God would continue to bless Jenny's work in Yei.

DR CONGO

Diocese of Bukavu

13. Pray for the diocese as it seeks to plant new churches in the towns of Bukavu, Goma and Uvira, with the aim of bringing more people to faith in Jesus and helping the Church to grow.

14. Pray for the new Bible School students in the diocese at the beginning of their three-year course. Pray that God may help them to stand firmly in their call until they finish the course and be sent to minister in their communities.

15. Pray for some of the projects currently running in the diocese including: building of a Multipurpose Pastoral Centre, building of a Bible Students' Dormitory, Trees Planting and a Microcredit scheme for women. Pray that these projects would be fruitful to the people of God in the diocese.

Diocese of North Kivu

16. Pray for the Diocesan staff and the clergy of the dioceses as they seek to support the Christians of the area and share God's love with people who are suffering.

IRELAND

CMS Ireland Staff and Volunteers

17. Today and tomorrow, the staff team are spending time planning and sharing together as they look to the next year and beyond. Ask God to bless this time. In particular, pray for Ronnie Briggs as he leads the staff and directs the work of the Society. Pray that God would give him wisdom and strength.

18. Pray for Brian and Anne in the Finance Department, as they help prepare the accounts for the last financial year. Pray too for the ongoing work they do each day, making sure financial transactions are properly processed and recorded. Pray that God would bless them in their work.

19. Pray for Sarah and Rachel as they put together the Annual Project presentations for the launches that begins on 29th January. Pray too for Sarah as she works on some website updates and for Rachel's work on the Marketplace initiative. Pray that God would continue to bless and use them both.

20. Pray for Andy and Roger as they look for new opportunities to work with churches throughout Ireland. Pray that Andy's contact with rectors and members in Republic of Ireland would be fruitful. Pray for Roger as he leads the Mission Resource team and promotes the Discover resource.

UGANDA

Madi West Nile Diocese

21. Pray for the many churches that are facing land conflicts, especially in Aringa and Mayo. Pray that God would bless the process of negotiation with local Muslim groups regarding the land leases.

22. Pray for the students of West Nile Ecumenical Vocational Training Centre who recently finished their one-year courses. Pray that they may be able to use the skills gained to support their families, their community and the local churches they come from.

SOUTH SUDAN

Ibba Diocese

23. Christians from the four archdeaconries within the diocese gather together at the diocesan headquarters today to begin laying the foundations for a new Cathedral. Pray for the Construction Committee of the Cathedral and for the commitment of Christians to a spirit of giving.

24. Pray for Bishop Wilson Kamani, who has completed three years as Bishop of Ibba Diocese. Pray that God would guide and direct him as he leads the diocese. Pray too for the clergy and staff of the diocese.

25. Pray for the programme and students at Christ Church Development and Training Centre as they continue with the intensive English course. Pray also for the introduction of other disciplines such as basic principles of management, servant-hood leadership, financial management for non-financial managers and an introduction to computer knowledge and skills.

BURUNDI

26. Burundi is suffering from political instability and sporadic violence. Pray for peace at this time and for the Christian church as it tries to use its influence to prevent a return to conflict in Burundi.

Matana Diocese

27. Pray for Archdeacon Seth, who also acts as the Diocesan Secretary in Matana Diocese. Pray that he would be strengthened to carry out his administrative duties within his parish, archdeaconry and diocese, and that he would be encouraged as he pastors and serves his people.

28. Please pray for the new schools recently refurbished by CMS Ireland in Matana Diocese. Pray for the staff and students at these schools. Give thanks for the provision of new equipment and resources.

UGANDA

The Wilson Family

29. Pray for Denise and Rory as they plan and prepare for home leave at the end of March.

30. Pray for Gideon's continued health and development, along with God's protection over him.

31. Pray for Dr Peter and the rest of the team as they prepare to take on extra responsibility and a heavier workload in Rory's absence.



Bishop Masimango getting around on his motorbike in Kindu Diocese, D R Congo.

February

DR CONGO

1. Presidential and regional elections in DR Congo took place in late November. Pray that those elected will lead the country towards a lasting peace.

Kindu Diocese

2. Please pray for Bishop Masimango as he leads the Diocese of Kindu. Pray for the safety of the bishop and other diocesan staff as they travel by motorbike on difficult roads and tracks to minister across the diocese.

3. Give thanks for two large church buildings that are currently being completed in Kindu. Rejoice in the generosity of the Christians who give sacrificially towards the building and pray for God's continued provision to ensure its completion.

NEPAL

SD Church

4. Pray for the Building Project of SD Saathi Sewa. As work continues and the prospect of a new premises becomes a reality, pray that the church leaders and the staff will be humble and that they will rely fully on God. Pray that this project would glorify God and would transform lives.

5. Pray that through the work of SD church and the Saathi Sewa programme, people would come to know Christ as their saviour. Many people arrive to the church compound with tears and sadness. Pray that they will leave with joy, smiles and laughter.

6. Give thanks for the partnerships that SD have with CMS Ireland and other partners throughout the world. Pray that God would bless these relationships and that they would bear much fruit for all involved.

UGANDA

Den Breejen Family

- 7.** Please pray for Aart and his team at the Vocational Training Centre. Pray that the staff members will be good examples of followers of Christ, so that students are impacted and graduates go home not only with a certificate, but with and experience of Christ in their minds and hearts.
- 8.** Pray for Geesje as she works alongside the mothers on the HIV/AIDS programme. Pray not only for financial empowerment for these women but for fruits of the Spirit showing in their lives.
- 9.** Give thanks for bonds between churches in Ireland and the Netherlands with the Diocese of Madi West Nile and students at the College. Recent team visits and activities in various churches have helped to develop these relationships in Christ, which has been very encouraging.

RWANDA

Kibungo Diocese

- 10.** Pray for Cyinzonvu and Nyabitare Parishes as they have started to build permanent churches. Pray for God's guidance, wisdom and provision for this process and for the local congregations, as they are involved in its construction.
- 11.** Pray for the completion of phase one of building of the Karama Health Centre. Pray also for the provision of funds for the construction of the remaining two phases so that the Health Centre can begin helping pregnant woman and children.
- 12.** Bishop Josias Sendegeya is retiring at the end of this year. Pray for the consecration and enthronement of the new Bishop, which is scheduled for today. Also, please pray for the preparations and safe travel for those who will attend this event from different parts of the world.

IRELAND

Staff and Volunteers

13. Pray for David Gough in his work as Partnership Coordinator for Egypt, Ethiopia, South Sudan, DR Congo and Zambia. Pray that he will continue to help develop good relationships with Global Partners in these countries and with Link Parishes who support them. Pray for David's work with a number of META teams in the coming months.

14. Pray for Niall Manogue, Partnership Coordinator for Uganda, Rwanda and Burundi, as he works intensively with a number of link churches to develop plans to help them grow their link relationships with the Church in Mid-Africa.

15. Pray for Gillian Maganda in her role as Personnel Coordinator. Ask God to bless her relationships and contact with Mission Partners, short-term volunteers and those who are exploring possible mission service. Pray that Gillian will be a blessing to all with whom she has contact through her role.

16. Give thanks for CMS Ireland's volunteers, many of whom will be in the offices next week to help with the mailing of the next magazine and prayer diary. Pray especially for Emily, our International Volunteer in the Belfast office, that God would bless her time with the Society.

Marketplace

17. Give thanks for the success of Marketplace during the busy Christmas season of craft fairs. Pray that all those who purchased items would remember the impact Marketplace makes on local people in our partner locations.

18. Pray for new bookings for Marketplace during the next few months as more stock is ordered from overseas partners. Give thanks for the skill and talent of the local craft makers.

UGANDA

Ruwenzori Diocese

19. Over the past few years, the Ruwenzori Construction and Training Unit has been forced to close. Please pray for Bishop Reuben as he attempts to raise support to set up the scheme again.

20. Please pray for the ministry of the Balya Peace Centre. In particular, pray that the centre is able to reach out into the local community and offer courses, workshops and training that meet the needs of local people.

KENYA

Isabelle Prondzynski

21. Thank God for Isabelle Prondzynski's involvement in the Urban Development Programme - this now goes back 20 years. Give thanks for what has been achieved since 1991, with the help of CMS Ireland, its link churches and supporters. Pray that God would continue to use Isabelle to bring blessing and transformation.

NEPAL

22. Pray for the church as it grows in Nepal, for vision to reach out to the local communities in which they are located to build the Kingdom through word and deed. Pray for leaders to have servant hearts in their Ministry.

Mark and Ali Gill

23. Pray for Mark and Ali working on the Hydro Project in Ilam district of east Nepal among the tea fields. Give thanks for relationships with the local church and opportunities for discipleship. Pray too for Mark and Ali's family, in Northern Ireland and Australia.

24. Pray for the workers on the Hydro Project, that they will be kept safe in their work and that they will experience something of God's love and grace. Ask God to guide and direct Mark in this work.

The Zimmerman Family

25. Continue to pray for Mark, Deirdre, Zachary and Benjamin in Kathmandu. Ask God to protect, bless and encourage them in all they do and pray that God would use this family to be a blessing to many others.

26. Please pray for the challenges currently being faced at NSI (where Mark works) in trying to support doctors they have placed in remote locations. Give thanks for Deirdre's work at NPCA and for opportunities to carry out some new nutrition projects. Please pray that this work would bring better health to many communities.

IRELAND

CMS Ireland Resources & Events

27. Pray for the promotion and distribution of this year's Annual Project, 'The Beautiful Gate', which focuses on the work of SD Church in Nepal. Pray that parishes will be keen to use the resource pack with their Sunday Schools.

28. Pray for the Discover programme, that the resource pack will be used by more and more churches and that where it is used it will have a significant impact.

29. As another edition of inMission and a new Prayer Diary arrive with members and supporters, pray that the stories and issues raised will challenge, inspire and bless those who read and use these publications. Pray too for the CMS Ireland website as it seeks to share stories of transformation.



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