

August 2017

Mission News

Here is some news and some prayer requests from eight of the various mission partners and organisations that St Peter's supports.

1. Nick Pease – based in Celle in Germany with World Horizons, with Wolfram and Tanja Thomas (below).

Last month Nick organised two hundred people into twelve teams who based themselves on the boundaries of Europe (see below), at the top of Norway, the west of Ireland, in Sicily, Armenia, and the Ural Mountains in Russia, twelve locations in all, with others joining across Europe - all worshipping at the same time, to surround Europe with worship and prayer.



2. The Downings – based in Tirana, Albania with European Christian Mission, write:

'As we reach the end of this academic year we are grateful to God for providing us with all that we asked for and more. Our finances are currently the healthiest they have ever been and we have nearly four months' funds in reserve. My part-time work in Brighton is going well and after my recent appraisals I have been revalidated by the GMC. Thank you for praying for us, especially as we faced financial and professional challenges. We arrive in UK for the summer this Friday - our first visit as a family for two years. We are looking forward to meeting up with family and friends. Thank you again for your love, prayers and support.'

3. Emma Trust: Hannah's Day Care Centre and Sidrampur Sunday school, run by Sam and Christina, supported by India Africa Foundation, who write:



'Praise God for new students; for the Hannah's day care centre; for the Vacation Bible School (left) which went very well; and for His faithfulness - sometimes it was very tough, we thought of giving up! But God sends people and resources for his glory, which has increased our faith in God and our dependence on Him to press hard towards the vision for which God has called us.'

'Pray for our team to work effectively to achieve our aims; for the Emma IT centre for which we have been waiting a long time; and the need for funding for feeding children and maintenance.

We want to say thank to our solid partners in Christ at St Peter's and the IAF team for standing with us, supporting us for the Emma Trust ministry. Continue to pray for our work.'

4. Shamira – with Wavemakers in the Philippines.

Shamira is studying for her Master's degree in Ministry. Her home church and Wavemakers have a lot going on at the moment so she is very busy. She asks us to pray for: wisdom, guidance and the Holy Spirit to fill the team as they teach different leaders; a vibrant walk with God despite the busyness; wisdom and direction as they execute plans for the remainder of the year and as they plan for the next few years. She wants to thank God for the wonderful things that are happening as a result of the challenges they have been given and for his abundant provision in all aspects of life.

5. Andrew and Ellie Hart with SAT-7 PARS (Farsi language channel) in Cyprus.



Audience includes people in Iran, Afghanistan and Tajikistan, and other Persian-speakers spread across Europe and Asia. SAT-7 PARS produces a great variety of Christian programmes for children, youth, women and families.

Please pray for the SAT-7 strategic planning process this summer. A lot of focus will be given to the imminent launch of the SAT-7 ACADEMY channel - bringing quality education to Arabic speaking children all over the Middle East and North Africa, especially refugee families. The Harts will be spending some time back in the UK during the summer - please pray that they will be well refreshed.

6. Tim and Beth Woods – who work with Africa Inland Mission in Mozambique:

The Woods have started their furlough. They have spent the last two weeks in Plymouth with Tim's dad and sister and then flew to Chicago. They will be staying with friends in Illinois for a couple of weeks and then with some friends in Georgia to settle Sarah into college. She starts at Berry College in Georgia, studying Animal Science and Jonathan returns to Colgate University in New York.

Praise points: a Brazilian lady has gone to Mozambique as a short-termer to work at the Bible Institute and will live in their flat; that Jonathan was able to attend Sarah's graduation from Rift Valley Academy in Kenya and also reconnect with some of his friends from his time there.

Prayer points: for a place for Tim and Beth to live in over the next 11 months; for Sarah, who is recovering from some minor surgery on her back which means she finds sitting uncomfortable until it is healed, and for starting her college course; and for Jonathan, that he will quickly get into the swing of college again after his break.

7. The Heaths with OMS.

Jonathan has resigned from the Wesley school after 13 years at the school and they have now left. They are now considering what is to come next for them. They are still with OMS and are now on furlough for a year in UK as they look to the future and what that holds for them. Please continue to lift them up in a special way at this time of transitions and settling into the UK.

Right is a picture of all the Indonesian workers at Wesley School.



8. The Source: Young Peoples' Charity in North East Hampshire.

The Source is passionate about supporting and empowering marginalised young people. Please pray for youth workers Simon Mahony and Chelsea Loynes. Here are what some young people have voiced recently:

- I have no hope for my future or anyone else's. All I see is bad things.
- I need a safe place to go when my dad and step-mum are fighting.
- I make mistakes because I don't understand. I want someone who will help me understand as I have learning difficulties and keep getting into trouble.
- I need a male role model as my friends convince me to do stupid things.
- I can't deal with my depression on my own and want someone who can help without needing to take medication.
- I feel vulnerable and scared all the time because I am sick and feel I can't protect myself.
- My mum takes drugs and alcohol and no one did anything until it was too late and I was put in care.
- People listen to me, but they don't really understand what I mean. They make up their own mind about what I am saying.
- Social media is putting me and other young people in danger and no one cares.