



# Paraclete Christian Network International

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## PRAYER UPDATE SUMMER 2019

Dear Supporters,

Time flies so quickly and the work of the Kingdom continues as God continues to work out His purposes “as year succeeds to year”. In this update, we wish to share latest news on the different projects for your information and prayer as together we play our part in God’s mission here on earth.

### The English Church, Benidorm, Spain

We continue to praise God for the ministry of Alan Robertson ably and faithfully supported by his wife, Christine, as they have continued to serve the English church so effectively during another year. God has again this past year blessed the work in Benidorm amidst all the comings and goings of people – local residents, those spending the winter months on the Costa Blanca and tourists. The year has had its share of uncertainties caused by Brexit and the ups and downs of everyday life even in sun-drenched Spain. We praise God for all the thousands of people each year who benefit from the ministry of the English Church – remembering those who have come to faith, have come back to faith, been baptised or been strengthened and encouraged by the ministry of word and Spirit faithfully proclaimed each week. There have also been the sad times as with the passing of Francois, husband to Monica, long time members of the congregation, after a long illness - a true gentleman and friend to many.



As we approach 2020, we have significant challenges - The biggest being finding a replacement for Alan Robertson who retires in December after his years of faithful and fruitful ministry. We do believe there is a continued need for the presence of an English-speaking church in Benidorm to continue serving the Christian community and reaching out to the lost. Please join us in fervent prayer for the right successor to be raised up by God. Also we are still battling with the Spanish legal system (a mystery to most) as we struggle to get the church registered after so many years. We need prayer to move this mountain!

### Kuwadzana Christian Training Centre, Zimbabwe

“God moves in mysterious ways his wonders to perform”. Zimbabwe has not hit the news headlines in recent weeks other than of course the terrible cyclones Idai and Kenneth which hit Mozambique and the Eastern Highlands of Zimbabwe in March/April causing terrible devastation and misery to so many. Fortunately, our community in Kuwadzana was not hit, being much further west. However, other major issues abound in a country that is considered to be completely bankrupt now and in crisis. There are shortages of most commodities including forex, fuel, water and electricity with the supply of the latter now being cut off from Mozambique and South Africa due to the non-payment of bills, mainly by the ruling elite. The country is suffering the worst economic crisis in more than a decade and there is still plenty of political unrest. Due to all this, we sadly did not undertake a visit to Zimbabwe in 2018, feeling this would put too much pressure on the staff to accommodate and care for us. However, the secondary



school has done well with more pupils than ever paying slightly higher fees and more parents than in previous years managing to pay. We are so grateful for the 20 plus sponsors who pay bursaries for the poorest students. We are always looking for new sponsors to invest in a young student in Zimbabwe for their education, hoping that these will be the ones to give Zimbabwe a brighter future. Please be in touch if you feel this is something you wish to participate in. Super kids pre-school continues to serve the youngest children. Sadly, this year, Patricia, one of the teachers, passed away. We have started a new class for children after pre-school and this is slowly getting established. The Bible School has continued to meet with students studying at different levels. Sadly, many of the students coming from outlying areas have not been able to attend. This is because combi fares have doubled in price and most cannot afford the US\$10 per week to come to Kuwadzana. This is such a shame as the Bible School was doing so well resourcing some of the local churches. Again, if any reading this feel led to offer a sponsorship for transport to enable a Bible School student to attend classes, please be in touch. (Approx. £15 per month).



We praise God for the continued health and strength of Jonah Masaka leading the work and all our staff who continue to labour under challenging circumstances. We are also grateful to God that somehow ends meet and we survive another year financially. PCNI are committed to sending out £800 per month. As we all know, times are tough for charities and we have struggled to meet this commitment but have again managed it. We are now having to consider new fundraising tactics and seeking new sponsors so please pray that we always have enough in the bank to be able to send out to support the work in such difficult economic conditions in broken Zimbabwe. We continue to pray for the time when a new day will dawn and our folk will be able to contribute to developing a renewed nation. We plan a trip to Zimbabwe in January 2020 where, among many other things, we will undertake vital leadership training and teach the Walk Through the Bible Programme to the College children. Please pray the way will be open for us to go.

### Nagaland, North East India

Sadly, in the last year, our main contact in Nagaland, Mrs Alemla Twiss, went to be with the Lord. She was key to making our trips to Nagaland possible and for keeping us in contact with what was going on in this remote land. After thought and prayer, we feel the time is now right to relinquish Nagaland as a Project. Much work has been done over the years and the people there have been enabled to develop and become more self-supporting. We will always have an interest in this mysterious and beautiful part of India but must leave it to other agencies now in Nagaland to continue where we left off.



### Opportunities to Travel...



In November 2018, Lynda, our Director, led a trip to Israel, which miraculously and wonderfully included 10 Zimbabwean ladies, most of whom were baptised in the River Jordan in a very memorable service. She will be leading another trip this year in November 2019. The tour is organised by Maranatha tours. Full details will be on the Paraclete website or please e-mail us for details. Any reading this would be most welcome. Also in June 2020, there will be a trip to the Oberammergau Passion Play and the Austrian Alps, again organised by Maranatha Tours. Already some of the PCNI Trustees and their spouses are booked to go so once more, if any of you feel you would like to share fellowship with us on this trip, you would be welcome. Again full details are on the website or available if you contact us.

### Finally...

We are grateful for your continued interest and partnership in the gospel in these specific projects. We are sure your prayer and support are the reason why the ministry continues effectively sometimes against all the odds. As Paul says in **Galatians 6 v 9**: *Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up*

**Revd Lynda Hulcoop, Director August 2019**