



# Paraclete Christian Network International

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## Prayer Update Sheet Summer 2004

It is good to have the opportunity to be in touch with you as a supporter of our work to let you know of some exciting developments and some items that need your continuing prayer.

### The English Church, Benidorm, Spain

Great things have been happening in Spain! Clearly God is at work through the ministry of the English Church. The work locally is now headed up by Revd Eddie McMillan with his wife Muriel from Scotland who spend the majority of the year living in Benidorm. In their regular report backs, there is much to praise God for: a growth in the number of permanent and semi-permanent residents committed to the church; as ever a lovely range of tourists and visitors of all different nationalities joining in the weekly activities; good links with the Scandinavian congregation; significant ministry opportunities in the marriage blessings held for people in Benidorm and 3 people recently come to faith. It is also interesting to know that the church appears in a new promotional video for visitors to Benidorm so we are now well and truly on the map! As many of you will know, there are changes in the ownership of the building and the local Scandinavian congregation is in the process of purchasing it by means of a mortgage. We are absolutely thrilled that the £5000 we pledged to raise as a gift towards this venture has been realised by the generous giving of those in the church in Spain and generous supporters in the U.K. This helps to secure the future of the building as a place of worship and our partnership with our Scandinavian brothers and sisters in the work of the Gospel in Spain.

#### Please pray specifically for:

- ◆ **Good health and strength for Eddie and Muriel as they return to Spain after a well earned break that God will continue to use them mightily and they will see His hand at work even in the smaller summer congregations and as the temperature rises!**
- ◆ **The CAM bank has just agreed to grant the Swedish congregation the mortgage they have applied for to purchase the church. Pray this will be processed quickly and smoothly. (The granting of this has certainly been an answer to prayer already for which we Praise God!)**
- ◆ **The shop supplying drugs right next to the church to go out of business!**
- ◆ **The financial provision needed to ensure that the ministry of the church can be fully resourced in the leaner summer months ahead.**

### Kuwadzana Christian Training School, Zimbabwe

I'm sure many of you saw the programme on television documenting the terrible atrocities being perpetrated in the newly established youth camps throughout Zimbabwe. This programme confirmed the desperate needs of this beautiful land as it falls further and further into political, economic and social ruin. Our prayer for this land and its people must prevail until such time as we see change for the better. We praise God that our workers are all safe and surviving despite severe difficulties. Sending money out for paying staff salaries is an interesting activity and we become deeply aware of how high inflation is as the exchange rate changes dramatically every time the next instalment is despatched. We are so grateful to Adrian Ball, our treasurer, for all his hard work handling all the practicalities for these transactions. The school is still running with local students but sadly it is not possible to attract students from further afield because transport costs have soared. Recently a group of URC minister visited Zimbabwe and some went out to visit the

school. They were very impressed with the building and the work going on and brought back a good report. There is a possibility of a return visit of Zimbabwean ministers in November and it may be that Jonah Masaka, the Director of the School, will be among those chosen to come. This would be a great opportunity for us to renew fellowship with him for the benefit of the future of the work there.

**Please join us in prayer that this will be possible and for all the staff and students that they will feel encouraged to continue equipping themselves for ministry.**

### **EXCITING NEW PROJECT - Nagaland, India**

Many people are unaware of the existence of Nagaland and locating it on a world map is not the easiest pastime! In case you're in that position, it is the one of the most Eastern states of India sharing a border with Burma. In March, Lynda spent an interesting time in Nagaland on behalf of PCNI to follow up requests for us to partner with the national Baptist church in the country to offer training and support. Nagaland is a fascinating place. Politically and administratively part of India since 1947, it is completely different from all the other stated ethnically, culturally, spiritually and economically. It is woefully under-resourced with a very inadequate infrastructure: poor roads and buildings, limited electricity and water supplies, poor telecommunications and technology, lack of educational and medical facilities. Despite all this, the people are especially warm and hospitable - especially towards the British - with a great sense of humour and a deep sense of community. And above all, the country is unique in being 87% Christian with almost all these Baptists!!! This gives us great strengths to build on but there are obvious weaknesses and danger points for the future which we in PCNI are called to minister into: the need for deeper spiritual teaching and application of the Gospel to the whole of life, new approaches needed to stimulate the young who are becoming increasingly frustrated, dropping out of school, getting into drug and alcohol addiction, the need for openings for the many people who are theologically trained to be active for the kingdom.

Within this context PCNI has been invited to open a training centre in Dimapur, the main town. Networking with the national Baptist Church, we are planning initially to bring together 40 students representing the 16 main Naga tribes plus a few smaller tribes who have already been theologically trained and offer them a course of adult teacher training. This will equip them to be able go back to their tribal churches in the towns and many villages and be engaged as teachers of lay workers in the church using courses prepared by PCNI. In addition, 2 theological colleges have shown interest in networking with us by using our training courses and the expertise we can offer them. This promises to be an exciting and strategic ministry as we seek to strengthen the Nagas' commitment to Christ and release more of them into ministry to continue the work of evangelism in their own state, in India and further afield into Burma, China, Tibet, Bhutan, all places desperately needing the Gospel. We are currently in the process of preparing a brochure with more details of this new project but in the meantime, if anyone is interested in reading a fuller report, please do not hesitate to contact Lynda Hulcoop either by post or e mail. We ask your support in prayer as we pioneer this project in a distant and almost forgotten land.

**Please pray as we seek the minimal resources needed to set up the training school which we trust will open in September 2004. We have been offered the building but we need to equip it with tables, chairs and an overhead projector. All this will cost only £600 and we have already raised £350. Please pray with us and if God leads you to invest in this aspect of His work, please do so.**

With grateful thanks for all your interest and support in our work

Revd Lynda Hulcoop



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## Prayer Update Autumn 2005

### The work in Benidorm, Spain

We continue to thank God for the ministry of Eddie and Muriel McMillan, our resident pastors in Spain, for their loyal and effective ministry among tourists, long stay visitors and residents. Their reports back to us here continue to encourage us that God is at work in Benidorm and people's lives are being blessed and challenged. The summer months have, as usual, been extremely hot and numbers have been much smaller but in spite of this there has been clear evidence of God at work through the ministry of the church. Eddie and Muriel will be returning for 5 weeks holiday at the end October and just prior to them leaving, several of the PCNI officials and their partners will be meeting up with them for fellowship and some will be seeing the work of the church first hand for the first time.

#### **Please pray for:**

- **Eddie and Muriel as they return to Scotland for a well earned rest and as they spend time with their family**
- **for their return and the work of the winter months that again many lives will be touched by the Lord in Benidorm**
- **For their continuing health and strength and anointing for the work in Benidorm**
- **for on-going financial provision for the work in Benidorm that all expenses will be able to be met in the year ahead.**

### Kuwadzana Christian Training School, Zimbabwe

The latest reports received from Zimbabwe have given us great cause for concern as we have found out first hand some of the realities of life there at this time. Economically, the country is in ruin with the price of basic commodities now far beyond the reach of ordinary people and the rate of inflation running at ridiculously high levels. For the people we work with, this means hunger is on the increase with only one meal a day for the more fortunate ones. In the latest wave of destruction of buildings, we too have experienced loss. Jonah, the minister we work with, was forced to demolish part of his house which gave shelter to a poor young woman. We praise God that our Training centre itself is safe but were deeply saddened to find out that the small dwelling used by our security man, Redfun and his young family, had to be demolished along with another structure used for a range of activities and hired out to other groups for a small income. This is a serious blow but one we must play our part in seeking to address so that our staff have the basics they need to survive. Many people among those we know have also suffered devastating loss of property and the church buildings have become a haven for the dispossessed. Jonah thanks God that a small amount of food aid has reached his community and the authorities put him in charge of distribution meaning that he was able to be practically involved in caring for the very poor.

June and Lynda were due to be out in Zimbabwe at this time but the PCNI Trustees felt that this was not a good time to travel and that money for airfares should be better sent to cover the needs of our staff at this time. In addition, we want to show our support for Jonah's daughter studying pharmacy in South Africa, about to enter her second year. He is desperate to get the fees together for this vital education but is in an impossible situation faced with the economic crisis in Zimbabwe. If any one feels led by the Lord to share in any of this desperate need at this time, please do so and support us as we seek to stand with our brothers and sisters in Christ in Zimbabwe. Money will be sent direct to our Bible School bank account so that we know it will be safe and used wisely

On a positive note, the work of the Bible school continues despite such setbacks and immense problems. We have an new acting co-ordinator, another former student of the school, who is doing excellent work recruiting students for the next academic year starting in October. He writes that there are 30 new enrollments, 11 continuing students, 8 ready to graduate and a further 50 who started studies but were unable to continue that he will be chasing! Also, he plans to introduce some new courses for Sunday School Teachers, Women's Ministry and English language. This is a great encouragement to us and a tremendous witness to the courage and faithfulness of the Zimbabwean people who refuse to be defeated by what is going on in their country at this time

**Please pray that:**

- **Jonah will not become discouraged amidst such destruction and that he will see the hand of God's provision for the needs of his people and his family.**
- **Our Staff in the school will be encouraged by our prayers and support and will be able to work well in the current situation.**
- **For all the new students starting in October that they will be dedicated and enthusiastic in their studies and that what they learn will be relevant and helpful to them in their daily lives.**
- **for financial provision to be able to pay the staff, rebuild Redfun's house and support Jonah's daughter in her education.**

**Nagaland, India**

The first group of students who have been undertaking the first level of PCNI's Teacher Training Course are now ready to take their examinations and move on to Level 2. In November, Lynda will be taking a group of 12 from her church on a mission trip to Nagaland. This will include a visit and ministry in the school as well as work in the rural areas among children and families in the areas of education, health and nutrition.

**Please pray that:**

- **The group will be kept safe on their travels and their time of mission will be effective**
- **That there will be wisdom and discernment for the future direction of the school and the involvement of PCNI in it.**

As ever, we as the Trustees of PCNI are grateful for your support in the ministry in so many different ways particularly when we face tough times as in Zimbabwe at this time. But in all our projects, we thank God for all the evidence of his presence and power and for sustaining those who lead the work and minister on our behalf.



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## Prayer Update Sheet Summer 2006 Special focus on Zimbabwe

Dear Supporters,

We felt an urgent need to write and update you on the latest news coming out of Zimbabwe and in particular in relation to our Bible School in Kuwadzana. In recent months, we have received a number of communications which have given us cause for concern which we share with you for your prayer and support.

### Life in Zimbabwe

There are a number of important factors which shape day to day life for Zimbabweans. Here are just a few of them.

- **The economy is now in complete freefall with inflation running at over 1000% - the highest inflation rate in the world. This has put even the basic commodities of life beyond the reach of many people. 35% of families lack basic household foods.**
- **Linked to this growing poverty and the increasing incidence of Aids (over 2 million are HIV positive out of a population of 13.4 million), life expectancy has nose dived from 62 years in 1990 to a shocking 37 years in 2006.**
- **Political opposition is clamped down on with ever increasing violence.**
- **Summer 2005 saw Robert Mugabe's enforced "Operation Murambatsvina (clean out rubbish) designed to clear urban areas of so called illegal dwellings and criminal elements. This resulted in 700 000 homes being destroyed affecting a massive 2.4 million people in the country. One year on , the promise of new homes has proved empty and many of the displaced are still living out in the open.**

### Impacts of Kuwadzana Christian Training School

It is not hard to imagine that such factors have had a devastating effect on the development of our work in Kuwadzana. Miraculously, against all the odds, the work of the Bible School continues with some 40 students attending courses and many more wanting to do so but unable to afford the bus fares to travel in or pay the small school

fees. We praise God for the undaunted commitment and resilience of our staff and students who remain full of faith and trust in God that very soon, things will change for the better.

In recent communications, the following current needs have come into sharp focus:

1. Our security man, Redfun, had his little house on site destroyed in Operation Murambatsvina last year. Since then, we have sought to finance the rebuilding of the house in a number of ways. In the meantime, Redfun and his family have been living in the school hall. In the last few months, the city council has imposed a penalty on us for this. We see this as an outrage and a terrible waste of precious Zimbabwe dollars. Thus we are urgently seeking to see the completion of the house. Currently we are in the process of sending out £1000 to put the roof on so that literally at least this family will have a roof over their heads. However, we still need to see God provide a further £1500 (allowing for some inflation) to complete the dwelling with the following:

1. Glazing	£150
2. Doors/woodwork	£300
3. Electrical wiring materials	£250
4. Sewage pipes	£350
5. Toilet pan/cistern	£ 85
6. Water pipes and shower	£120
7. Gullies and pan connectors	£110
8. Hand wash basin	£ 85

Prices are high and rising due to the inflation and the fact that currently the exchange rate is fixed and therefore not keeping pace with inflation.

2. We are currently in the process of seeking to budget for the needs of the Bible School in the coming academic year and want to seek to pay our staff an adequate salary to be able to live and provide for their families. You may be interested to know the kinds of salaries involved:

1. For James KCTS Coordinator and lecturer	£150 per month
2. For Charlotte, our Librarian	£110 per month
3. For our Assistant lecturer	£ 55 per month
4. For Redfun, our security guard	£ 85 per month
5. For 3 centre cleaners	£ 85 per month
6. For 1 part time gardener/maintenance man	£ 30 per month

This amounts to something over £6000 per annum to find, much higher than in previous years due to inflation and fixed exchange rates.

3. We need to cover water rates and electricity (approx £1700 per annum) and stationary and duplication costs for course notes (£300 per annum)

We are very grateful that the centre brings in approx £2000 per annum thanks to letting our building to other churches and projects alongside the Bible School which helps significantly. However, we need to see God provide a much larger sum of money than we have ever raised before for the day to day running of the centre. Alongside the rebuilding costs, this presents a very significant, faith demanding challenge which we believe God will help us meet.

We would ask you all to be in prayer for the above situation and seek God on our behalf as we continue to be in partnership with our fellow brothers and sisters in Zimbabwe as they face such times of hardship. If God does lead you to join us in any financial support, your gifts will be most welcome and can be directed to the area of your choice.

Warm greetings to you all

Lynda Hulcoop Executive Director PCNI July 2006



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## A Report on PCNI's work in 2006

As we now enter 2007 and look back over the past year, those of us involved with Paraclete Christian Network International (PCNI) have much to thank God for and further challenges up ahead as we seek to continue the work God has called us to do.

On the Benidorm front, 2006 has been a very encouraging year of ministry for Eddie and Muriel McMillan, the resident pastors of the English Church there. During the year, we have seen 10 people come to faith and 5 people baptised in the sea. As each year, we have welcomed over 5000 visitors to the church of different nationalities which has been a great privilege. We pray for on-going good health for Eddie and Muriel and a rich anointing upon their lives as they lead the work and bring God's blessing to the lives of all who participate in the English Church. If you're planning a holiday to Benidorm, let us know and we'll point you in the direction of a good church...

As far as Zimbabwe is concerned, 2006 has been another desperate year economically, socially and politically and there are no real signs of things improving. The country needs constant, persistent prayer for change. At our training centre, the work has continued well against all the odds for which we thank God. The Bible school continues to function well with local students attending and equipping themselves for life and ministry. Our centre runs a HIV aids orphans feeding programme twice a week and has a secondary school meeting on the premises. Financially we are so grateful for all who have contributed towards the rebuilding of our security man's house. This is now in a state where 2 families are able to live in it and find much needed shelter. Thank you also to all who contributed in one way or another to our Christmas food appeal for the orphans and destitute families. We have been able to raise around £3500 which has helped make Christmas just a bit brighter for some and will continue to offer provision well into 2007.

Finally, PCNI's work in Nagaland, North East India, looks set to progress in 2007 as a result of Lynda's visit to the country in November with a team from the Southwick Church. She held meetings with the Principal of a Bible School who wants to use PCNI teaching materials to equip teachers. In addition, on a visit to Akumen, a small jungle village, plans have been set in place for the building of a training centre which will house the first PCNI Bible School in Nagaland. The ground has been prepared, the money raised and building will begin in February. Watch this space...

Thanks to all who have faithfully prayed for our work and have supported in practical ways. Without you, the ministry would not have progressed so far. Keep up the good work!

Lynda Hulcoop (Director)



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### 1. The English Church, Benidorm, Spain

Over recent months, the work of the church in Benidorm has continued to flourish under the ministry of Eddie and Muriel McMillan with several people coming to faith over recent months and many being blessed and encouraged by the ministry received there. In addition, the number of local residents committed to the church and wanting to grow in their faith has increased.

With all this, the time is now ripe for new developments at the church and the PCNI Trustees are currently meeting to consider some new projects including setting up a discipleship school at the church, receiving international mission teams to do outreach over the Summer months and holding an annual event "Benidorm Bible week."

We hope these plans will begin to be realised early in 2008. Please pray that God's will is clearly revealed as the Trustees consider the future and that the plans put in place will be effective to fulfill the mission opportunities that exist so obviously on the Costa Blanca.

### 2. Zimbabwe: Kuwadzana Christian Training School

Life in Zimbabwe is becoming more and more difficult for the local people with ever increasing interference from the government of Robert Mugabe. Inflation is now running at 2200% which means even the basic commodities (e.g. a loaf of bread) cost more than a month's wages. Moreover 80% of the population are unemployed so have no income anyway. Furthermore non government organisations have recently been outlawed so that relief is channeled through the Government and only reaches the people that support the ruling party. The situation is dire. Although these restrictions do not affect us directly and the money we send over is safe, these are very worrying developments that need the power of prayer to bring victory over them.

In the midst of this, the work of PCNI at Kuwadzana Christian Training School continues to hold its own and develop, even though not as fast as desired. Praise God for Lynda and June's former church in Guildford, who have very generously pledged money to build a dormitory on the site of the Training Centre. This will house people coming in for training from the rural areas and mission teams we and others will send

out in the future. This development is important and prophetic as the work of God continues unabated despite all attempts by the powers of darkness to bring it to its knees.

Please pray that the money transferred for the building project, the Bible School and for relief work among the very poor will get good exchange rates. With such high inflation we need to seek God's protection on the money and pray that it realizes its true worth. If there are any reading this who feel led to support the plight of our brothers and sisters in Zimbabwe, please forward your gifts specifying what you would like to support. We know directly from Jonah Masaka who heads our work in Zimbabwe, that our prayers and material support make all the difference and encourage him that we are standing shoulder to shoulder with Zimbabwean Christians as they see their land and livelihood decimated in these days.

### **Establishing a Paraclete Christian Training School in Nagaland, India**

Since Lynda's last visit to Nagaland in November 2006, the villagers in Akumen have been very busy progressing the projects started. Of special interest to PCNI is the news that the planned training centre is nearing completion. The walls and roof are on and all that is needed now is a concrete floor. This centre will be used for a training centre/workshop for the crafts project which is being developed to help the villagers create an income for the community and to establish PCNI's first village Bible School. The plan is for this to be inaugurated in late 2007/early 2008 when Lynda and others next visit Nagaland again. This is a much needed vision to ensure that the Nagas, especially the young people, stay strong in their faith and develop a radical discipleship that will enable them to live effectively and reach out to people around them, particularly in the tea gardens of Assam near the village where the majority are Hindus.

Praise God that the Nagas are so industrious and committed to see their village developing with this project. Please pray for Lynda as she seeks ways of establishing the school, developing the right materials effective in that part of the world and seeks the necessary resources to enable the School to function and flourish. If you sense the Lord urging you to be part of this, please be in touch with us. Any donations should be clearly marked for Nagaland Bible School.

### **A new Website for PCNI**

With the several new developments proposed, the Trustees felt the time was right to revamp our website. Thanks to a young man in the church in Southwick, this is in process and will be launched in the near future. We trust it will keep supporters better updated with latest information and will be easy to use and helpful to all who visit the site to find out more about us. Do visit us at [www.paraclete.org.uk](http://www.paraclete.org.uk) and track this new development. It should be up and running in June.

As ever, we do so value your interest, prayer and support. I do believe PCNI is moving into a stage of growth and development on all fronts which is both very challenging and very exciting. It is good to be part of seeing God at work moving things forward and being a faithful and solid rock for those in the most need at present especially in Zimbabwe. Please continue in prayer, seeking the Lord's guidance on how to pray effectively for each of the situations that his name will be glorified by the bringing forth of much fruit (John 15 v 7)

Revd Lynda Hulcoop  
Executive Director

