

praying in mission

Winter 2019



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December

SOUTH SUDAN

Su 1. Continue to pray for the ongoing negotiations and talks towards the development of a Unity Government for South Sudan. As Bishop Tandema reminds us, the success of this process is vitally important: *"People of South Sudan have suffered so much. Hopes for the best are fading."*

Maridi Diocese

Mo 2. The 30th anniversary of the diocese this month will be followed up by Bishop Moses visiting 12 parishes for confirmations. Thank God that the bishop's vehicle was recently serviced through support from CMSI link parishes. Pray for the security of the bishop as he travels on difficult roads.

Tu 3. Pray for the preparations for conferences taking place in the diocese in 2020: the Mothers' Union Conference in February and the Evangelists' Conference in June.

ZAMBIA

Keith and Lyn Scott

We 4. Please pray for Keith, Lyn and the other members of staff at St John's Seminary, that they would finish the term well after a very busy few months. Pray that God would use them to be a blessing to one another and to the students.

Th 5. Keith hope to have a break from work this month after a particularly challenging year and would value prayer for physical, mental and spiritual restoration. Christmas will be very low-key and quiet, but Keith and Lyn's daughter Hannah will be visiting for two weeks in January. Pray that this will be a special time together.

Fr 6. Give thanks for all those churches and individuals across Ireland who support the Scotts and invest in their work at St John's Seminary. Pray that God would continue to provide for Keith and Lyn and that He would use them.

NEPAL

The Zimmerman Family

Sa 7. Pray for Mark as he develops the support programme for the medical interns in their final year of training, and for Deirdre as she continues to help establish a dietetic department with Nepali dietitians in Patan Hospital. Pray that Mark and Deirdre's work and relationships with colleagues and students would honor the Lord.

Su 8. Please continue to pray for Zachary and Benjamin as they negotiate their teenage years and grow in independence and responsibility. Zachary is making decisions about where to go to college in the summer of 2020, and Benjamin also needs to decide where he will study his A-Levels.

UGANDA

Luweero Diocese

Mo 9. This weekend, those diocesan ordinands and readers who have completed their theological training will go on retreat and then be ordained or commissioned. Please pray for these individuals as they embrace their new roles and settle into their ministry.

Tu 10. Pray for Bishop Eridard as he leads an annual retreat and fellowship for all of the diocesan clergy during the first week of January. Pray for spiritual refreshment and renewal as, together, these Church leaders consider God's priorities for the coming year.



Bishop Eridard and Mama Jane with Archdeacon Paul Dundas in Lisburn

KENYA

We 11. Provost Sammy Wainaina (All Saints' Cathedral, Nairobi) wrote in November, *"We commend the government for the smooth administration of the Kenya Certificate of Primary Education (KCPE) examinations... Over one million pupils sat the exams; all systems worked and no loop holes were found."* Give thanks for the principals, teachers and others involved in this massive undertaking.

Urban Development Programme (All Saints' Cathedral, Nairobi)

Th 12. Give thanks for the enormous impact Antony Njoroge made on numerous link parishes during his recent three-month placement in the Church of Ireland. Ask the Lord to bless Antony, his wife Nancy and his role as leader of the Tumaini African Foundation.

Fr 13. Pray for the building project at Tujisaidie Community Centre School which began in November, using funds raised through the 2017 Children's Resource, Growing in God. One wing of the school will be receiving an upper floor containing a teachers' staff room and toilets.

BURUNDI

Gitega Diocese

Sa 14. Only 64% of the population of Burundi has access to clean water. Bishop Aimé Joseph has launched a programme to protect natural springs in some of the most remote areas of his diocese. Pray that as people gain access to clean water they will also come to know the source of living water.

Su 15. Bishop Aimé Joseph is planning to make a special pastoral visit to Gitega Prison before Christmas to share the love of Christ in words and actions. He asks: *"Please pray for us as we gather all the needed material support to be distributed to prisoners"*.



Jenny Smyth with a women's cooperative group in Madi West Nile, Uganda

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Mo 16. Pray for Jenny Smyth as she navigates the increasingly heavy legislative demands placed on charities. Ask that God will continue to direct and bless CMSI so that the various partnership links will flourish and grow, enabling the Church to be more effective in His work of mission.

Tu 17. Pray for Gillian Maganda as she follows-up with individuals who have inquired about Short-Term Experience Placements at recent mission events, exhibitions and staff speaking engagements. Pray for God's leading for those exploring placements alongside our Global Partners.

Ronnie and Maggie Briggs (Final Home Assignment)

We 18. Give thanks that Ronnie and Maggie are settling into life back in Ireland after leaving Kenya. They are particularly grateful for the provision of a house in Moira for four months and the potential for buying one in Banbridge after that. Pray that this process goes smoothly through to completion.

Th 19. Please pray for Ronnie and Maggie at this time of transition. Pray that they may put down deep roots and feel at home. Give thanks for the support they receive from their family and from CMSI.

Fr 20. Pray for Ronnie and Maggie as they search for new jobs. Pray that opportunities may arise and doors may open to help them secure work which is meaningful and satisfying.

DR CONGO

Sa 21. There have been recent outbreaks of violence in several communities in Eastern DR Congo. People displaced from their homes are at greater risk of Ebola because of difficult living conditions. Pray for peace and for Ebola prevention efforts.

Bukavu Diocese (with Goma)

Su 22. Communities living in Itombwe, Fizi and Uvira Archdeaconries were displaced by local conflict at the end of last year. Bishop Bahati asks us to join the diocese in prayer for comfort for the victims and provision for the needs of displaced people.

Mo 23. Pray for the education and training of clergy and staff in schools, colleges and at the Anglican University. Pray that God will provide the physical and spiritual resources to sustain these important programmes, for the growth of the Church in Bukavu.

Tu 24. Bishop Desire thanks God for the fruitfulness of the first two years of Goma Diocese and asks for prayer for future plans: *"Our vision is great; please pray that God provides for all we need in order to implement everything that is planned."*



Bishop Desire with his wife, Claudaline

Christmas Prayers

We 25. *'The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned.'* (Isaiah 9:2). On this Christmas Day, we give thanks for the true Light that came into the world in the person of Jesus. May his love, truth and grace bring hope and healing. Happy Christmas!

Th 26. *'The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.'* (John 1:5). We pray today for all of CMSI Global Partners, remembering that many of them minister in the context of great darkness and despair. May they each know the hope and joy of Immanuel – God With Us.

Fr 27. *'Even in darkness light dawns for the upright, for those who are gracious and compassionate and righteous.'* (Psalm 112:4). May we experience afresh the Light of Christ and may God fill us with a renewed hunger for Him and a desire to share His love and light.

SOUTH SUDAN

ibba Diocese

Sa 28. For the first time, students at Downey Secondary school in Ibba will sit for their South Sudan School certificates (next month). Please pray for the diocese as it works hard to ensure that teachers are in place to teach maths and science subjects.

Su 29. Pray for the diocese as its leadership continues to focus on reconciliation meetings with the politicians, helping to address tribal conflicts and the issue of county borders.

RWANDA

Shyogwe Diocese

Mo 30. Pray for Bishop Jered as he works with two newly-appointed archdeacons: Rev Joseph (Hanika) and Rev Mathias (Shyogwe). Ask God to bless and equip these men in their new roles.

Tu 31. Pray that the Church in Shyogwe would train ministers effectively in the time available. Ask God to bless the ongoing work of discipleship that takes place in families and cell groups.

January

Seasonal Prayers

We 1. We give thanks to God for His faithfulness and many blessings throughout 2019. We ask that the seeds sown in mission last year – by Global Partners, by CMSI, in our own lives and churches – would be nurtured by God and would lead to transformed lives.

Th 2. As we set out on 2020, we offer ourselves, our parishes, CMSI and our partnership links into God's hands and we commit this new year to Him. In all we do, way Christ be at the core and his Church be at the centre.

ZAMBIA

Fr 3. Zambia is suffering from major power cuts, drought and food shortages. Some areas are without electricity for 17 hours a day, including the capital, Lusaka. This does not improve the wellbeing of the people, nor improve the profile of the government. Please pray that current unrest will not lead to violence.

Diocese of Northern Zambia

Sa 4. The first-year students begin a new term at St John's Seminary on 13th January. Pray that they will settle-in well to their studies. Continue praying for the final year students who were recently commissioned and have returned to their dioceses awaiting their ordination and parish placements.

Su 5. Pray for Archbishop Albert, the diocesan staff and the clergy team in Northern Zambia – that they would know God's guidance and blessing in all they do.

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Mo 6. Pray for Anne Buckley as she works with the auditors in preparation for signing off the Annual Accounts. Pray that Anne would know God's presence and guidance in all that she does.

Tu 7. Pray today for Jen Christie as she provides input with various aspects of the Belfast office move and helps to put things in place for the new office. Give thanks for the support Jen gives to Anne in the Finance team, particularly at this busier time of year.

We 8. Pray for Rachel Brittain as she pulls together the final elements of the new Children's Resource (*In The Middle*) and gets ready to promote and distribute the resource in the coming months.

Th 9. Pray for Roger Cooke as he coordinates the programme for the upcoming *Impact* roadshow series and finishes editing the films for the Children's Resource.

KENYA

Kajiado Diocese

Fr 10. Give thanks for the clergy conference that took place at the end of November, which saw the ordination of 30 pastors and the and the commissioning of 40 new lay readers and Kenya Anglican Men's Society leaders. Pray for these leaders and their families as they begin their ministry in the diocese.

Sa 11. Praise God for Bishop Gaddiel's visit to Ireland in September – his input at *Ignite*, his time of sabbatical at the Church of Ireland Theological Institute and his visits to link parishes. Ask the Lord to guide him and his team as they develop a diocesan vision for 2020.



Bishop Gaddiel with Archdeacon Stephen and Canon Jen McWhirter

Isabelle Prondzynski

Su 12. Continue to pray for Isabelle as she works alongside the Urban Development Programme staff in Kayole, Nairobi. Pray that she will be effective in her role and experience God's leading and direction as she continues to support and serve God's family there.

Mo 13. Pray for a full recovery for Isabelle following major surgery on her back in September. Pray that she will continue to experience good health and stamina in the year ahead.

EGYPT

Tu 14. Pray for the work and witness of the Church in Egypt and for the wider responsibilities of the Diocese of Egypt with North Africa and the Horn of Africa, which incorporates eight countries. Bishop Mouneer asks us to pray for *"God to call clergy for our churches in Algeria, Tunisia, Libya, Addis Ababa and All Saints' Cathedral in Cairo."*

Diocese of Egypt

We 15. Pray for God to raise up new leaders for the Church in Egypt and for guidance as the diocese focuses on ministry among youth and children.

Th 16. Pray for God's provision as the diocese builds two new stories for Harpur Memorial Hospital in Sadat City in order to cope with the increasing number of patients coming to the hospital.

IRELAND**CMSI Events and Resources**

Fr 17. Next week sees the launch of CMSI's Children's Resource for 2020. Pray that lots of Sunday school groups and youth groups will take-up the resource this year and that the material will have a positive impact on children and young people.

Sa 18. Pray for the *Impact* Roadshow series, which begins on Monday and sees CMSI staff connecting with members and supporters across Ireland to share news and stories. Pray that many will attend each event and will be inspired and encouraged.

**CMSI Staff**

Su 19. Please pray for Roger Thompson as he takes on responsibilities for the links with Rwanda, while continuing his work with Kenya and Nepal. Ask for God's blessing on new relationships with the Global Partners in Kibungo and Shyogwe Dioceses, as well as with rectors and other supporters in link churches across Ireland.

Mo 20. Pray for Linda Abwa as she gathers fresh and challenging stories from the Global Partners she engages with in South Sudan, DR Congo, Egypt, and Uganda. Pray that Linda would find creative and effective ways of sharing those stories with churches in Ireland.

BURUNDI

Tu 21. Still listed among the very poorest countries in the world, Burundi continues to struggle with the effects of political unrest and uncertainty. Give thanks that refugees are beginning to return home and pray for the Church as it helps integrate the returnees in the community and into Church life.

The Guinness Family

We 22. Give thanks for the friend's house that the Guinness family recently moved to in Bujumbura. There's a lovely garden and a spectacular view over Bujumbura, Lake Tanganyika and Congo. Pray that Paul and Alison will be inspired afresh as they pray over the city, particularly ahead of the forthcoming elections.

Th 23. Paul is facilitating a two-day monthly workshop with a network of churches based in a mainly Muslim town in Burundi. Pray that the Lord will help the leaders as they consider how to help their missionaries reach out in culturally appropriate ways both in that city and beyond Burundi.

Matana Diocese

Fr 24. Bujumbura Christian University has moved to new premises. Please pray for all the staff and students. Ask God to bless them as they study His word and prepare for ministry in Matana Diocese and across the province.

Sa 25. Burundi is experiencing phenomenal Church growth. *The Church of Ireland Bishops' Appeal* and some link parishes are giving funds to purchase plots and roofing materials for new churches to be built. Pray that this will be a real encouragement to the hardworking congregations already busy making bricks.



Bishop Seth visiting one of the churches in Matana Diocese

SOUTH SUDAN

Yei Diocese

Su 26. Thank God for the students benefitting from Yei Vocational Training College. Pray for Morris Logulomo as he manages the college.

Mo 27. Pray for clergy faithfully ministering to parish communities in circumstances of food insecurity and outbreaks of violence in the rural parishes throughout the diocese.

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CMSI Teams and Mission Personnel

Tu 28. CMSI's Personnel Advisory Group is working on a number of internal policies and procedures over the coming months. Pray for uninterrupted time to work on these and wisdom and direction in designing policies that reflect CMSI's core values.

We 29. Pray for Nigel Quinn (Drumbeg Parish) as he undertakes a four-week Short-Term Experience Placement with the Diocese of Egypt next month. Nigel will be working alongside the team at Refuge Egypt, providing support for vulnerable refugees. Pray that he will have opportunities to share his faith and demonstrate God's love in action.

Th 30. Pray for the staff team this weekend as they begin the first of three training and orientation sessions for the five teams who will visit some of CMSI's Global Partners throughout 2020. Pray for clarity in communication and for a sense of unity and enthusiasm among the teams.

Fr 31. Pray for Billy Smyth as he travels to Yei in South Sudan next month. This is the latest in a series of visits as Billy continues to support the staff at the Vocational Training College. Pray for Billy as he travels and ask God to bless his time in Yei.

February

UGANDA

Sa 1. In Uganda, February is the month when primary and secondary school students have to report back to schools for the new academic year. Please pray for parents and guardians, as this period tends to be very stressful.

Madi West Nile Diocese

Su 2. Bishop Collins puts mission as his first strategic priority in the diocese. Pray for him and his team, that they will be inspired and encouraged as they make plans for mission and discipleship.

Mo 3. The diocese supports a nursery school in Bidi Bidi refugee settlement – Ariye school. Pray for the work done at the school and for its development. Pray too for Mickey Ai' baku as he manages all the diocesan refugee projects.

NEPAL

Tu 4. Pray for CMSI Trustee Louise Talbot-Beirne as she visits CMSI's Global Partners in Nepal from this weekend – SD Church and HDCS – and spends time with Nutrition Promotion and Consultancy Services to conduct monitoring and training. Pray particularly for Lou's long bus journey to meet with those facilitating a three-year community nutrition programme at Jiri, in eastern Nepal.



Lou Talbot-Beirne with Rev John Pickering



HDCS Director Kapil Sharma with Khim Kandel, who leads the EQUIP programme

Human Development and Community Services

We 5. Pray for Kathmandu International Study Centre and its EQUIP teacher training programme, especially for their plans to start a new project in Rukum. Pray too for the second phase of construction at KISC for an arts, library and music building.

Th 6. Please pray for God's grace, blessing and strength to be on the staff at ABBS who are working open-heartedly with children and young adults with disabilities. Pray that the staff and the parents at home will be able to give the young people the care they need and help in their development.

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Resourcing the vision

Fr 7. Give thanks for the churches and individuals who have caught the vision of supporting CMSI's core Mission Resource Fund by hosting a fundraising event. Pray that these *Make It Count* initiatives would be fruitful and that more people will find creative ways of engaging their church community in the work of CMSI.

Sa 8. The CMSI annual accounts for 2018-2019 were recently signed-off. Give thanks for all those who have invested in the work of CMSI and supported our Global Partners. Pray that God would continue to guide the society and provide the resources for the work to which He has called us.

Short-Term Experience Placements

Su 9. Give thanks for April Gunn (Carrigrohane Union, Cork) who will be undertaking an eight-week STEP with the Diocese of Northern Zambia in Kitwe this summer. Pray that, in the coming months of preparation, April will be aware of God's presence and guidance.

Mo 10. Give thanks for medical student Lois Duncan from Ballyclare, who will be taking part in a four-week medical elective at Kiwoko Hospital, Uganda in July. Pray for Lois's studies in the coming months and for good results in her June exams.

Tu 11. Pray for Michael Kenning, a podiatrist from Cork, (Carrigrohane Union) who is preparing for a STEP at Kiwoko Hospital, Uganda for three weeks in July. Pray for wisdom in knowing what type of training will be beneficial to hospital staff during his time in Uganda.

RWANDA

We 12. Pray for Rev Jean Pierre Methode Rukundo, who recently took on a new responsibility as General Secretary of the Anglican Church of Rwanda. He asks for prayers that the head office of the Anglican Church of Rwanda can be self-sustaining.

Kibungo Diocese

Th 13. Pray for Emmanuel and Ezechiel, two of the pastors studying at the East Africa Christian University. Emmanuel leads Sakara Sub-Parish of Kibimba, where there is a vision to build a new and a bigger church. Ezechiel leads Gasetza Parish where they hope to build an Early Childhood Development centre at each local church.

Fr 14. Please pray for Moise – another of the pastors undertaking training at the East Africa Christian University. Since January 2019, Moise has been assisting the Pastor in Kabare Parish and in April, he was also appointed a leader of Kayonza Parish Nursery and Eden Primary School.

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CMSI Family

Sa 15. Give thanks for all those who engage with CMSI and support the work of the society as volunteers and members. Pray that each of them will be inspired and encouraged as they connect with the CMSI staff team and with our Global Partners.

Su 16. The CMSI staff team continues to work with commitment and dedication. Pray that the Lord will bless each one with vision and creativity as they carry out their own responsibilities.

Mo 17. Give thanks for the careful financial oversight the CMSI Board of Trustees give to the society. Pray that in this new financial year we will see an upturn in income to allow the work of mission to continue unhindered.

DR CONGO

Kindu Diocese

Tu 18. Give thanks for the bicycles received by the rural clergy to help them with their pastoral ministry. Pray that God would bless these leaders in their work.

We 19. Thank God for the plans to refurbish rural schools within the diocese and for the partnerships with link parishes in Ireland that will make this possible.

North Kivu Diocese

Th 20. Thank God for the completion of a second building and good progress on a third building at the Compassion for Children in Distress Centre.

Fr 21. North Kivu is one of the areas in Eastern DR Congo most impacted by the Ebola crisis. Pray for the Church's efforts in raising awareness and in preventative education.



Abp Justin in North Kivu Diocese with Abp Masimango and Bp Ilesomo

NEPAL

SD Church

Sa 22. Pray for SD Church as it seeks the help of a full-time physiotherapist on a two-year contract for their busy Patient Navigator Programme and the Pharaikilo Ghar rehabilitation centre, to help treat adults and children with disabilities. Pray too for the recruitment of a full-time Communications Officer to help with their website and brochure-writing.

Su 23. Pray for the leaders of SD Church and of the various associated ministries, that God would guide, equip and protect them in all they do.

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CMSI Events and Resources

Mo 24. Pray for the planning and preparation of *Shine* – CMSI's annual members' day – which takes place in Dublin on 28th March. Pray particularly for the election of Trustees to the CMSI Board at the AGM – ask God to guide and bless this process.

Tu 25. Today sees the mailing-out of the latest edition of *inMission* and the Spring Prayer Diary. Pray that these publications will be a source of blessing and encouragement to all who receive and read them. Give thanks for the team of volunteers who are helping with today's mailing in the Belfast office.

SOUTH SUDAN

Kajo-Keji Diocese

We 26. Pray for Bishop Emmanuel as he leads the diocese, especially in this time of uncertainty for the nation.

Th 27. Pray for Captain Johnathan who leads the children's ministry in the diocese, which involves under-tree-schools, safeguarding issues, trauma healing for children and Sunday School teaching.

Olo Diocese

Fr 28. Pray for the clergy and other church leaders in Olo. Ask God to grant them everything they need to minister with compassion and care among their people.

Sa 29. Pray for Bishop Tandema as he continues to minister to people in the diocese without any reliable means of transport. Olo is isolated and it is difficult to reach many of the parishes.



Bishop Tandema and Mama Nora



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