

AMEN & FRIENDS

FRIDAY 1

Give thanks to God for our fruitful time in the north with the underprivileged people. A family built a small church for a community known as the 'rat eaters'. They were given Bibles, clothes, food and soap. Praise God for all the provision that came together to bless these people who are special to him and for the privilege and opportunity to travel there. R, South Asia

SATURDAY 2

Recently we held a graduation programme for the sewing ladies. Nine of the 120 ladies from the majority religion professed faith in the Lord Jesus. Bibles were given to them and two who were really hard up were given sewing machines. R, South Asia

SUNDAY 3

We need fuel, literature, food and accommodation as we go out, aiming to reach our goal of ten thousand villages this Christmas. We do pray for your blessings. D & J, South Asia

MONDAY 4

Grace & Light teams will today go out for group mobilisation. Pray for healthy partnerships and open doors to churches and schools. We need Christians, at the start of this working week, to deliberately make their lights shine before others in their behaviour, work and speech. Tassie, Nigeria

TUESDAY 5

Gareth will be ministering in Bolivia from Dec 6-19. Henry Cheah, a retired Malaysian missionary with SIM in Bolivia has lined up meetings for him in Cochabamba and also a week teaching in a missions Bible school near the border with Brazil. There will be much travelling including 8 flights. Malou, meanwhile, will be involved with the drop-in centre in Gravesend, organised by our church, River Church. Ask the Lord to bring those who are seeking Jesus. Thank you for praying for the autumn newsletter and the monthly prayer update. *"Your love, LORD, reaches to the heavens, your faithfulness to the skies"*. Gareth & Malou, UK

WEDNESDAY 6

I will be speaking at TNBG (Tangkhal Naga Baptist Gospel) on the Quasquicentennial (125th) Celebration. I feel very undeserving to share a stage on such a big occasion with those renowned leaders of our Baptist convention but I trust that God has given me the opportunity for His name sake. Kindly pray for God's wisdom and good health to be able to deliver the message for God's glory. A. South Asia

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Social righteousness brought to schools by Grace & Light International led by Tassie. Nigeria

THURSDAY 7

Give thanks for the work we were able to do through Living Waters, Pakistan. Continue to pray for the protection and provision of the work and my children's (Joshua and Jerome) education. Nasir, Pakistan

FRIDAY 8

Every day, followers of Jesus are facing persecution in our country. I am receiving a lot of requests for help, but we cannot reach all. Saleem and his two sons Sunil and Anil were attacked and injured with daggers by those who have no sympathy with our faith. Thanks be to God, they are recovering and are trying to do light work. However, Saleem sustained severe injury to his liver. We are committed to supporting him for 3 months with finances for his medical treatment. His poor family is in crisis and need our prayers and support. A second surgery is required. Let us stand together in prayer for the family. N & S, South Asia

SATURDAY 9

Tunde became a Christian two months before she got married and now she is pregnant with the second child and her pregnancy is not going well. She has a heart condition so please pray for her. She is growing in her faith and is willing to come and pray with us. Mia, Romania

SUNDAY 10

The enemy is attacking couples - Samuel & Annelies and us, Tijs & Jessica. We are experiencing a lot of struggles. Deep wounds from the past suddenly resurface through dreams or certain confrontations. This is causing some serious battles in our minds. We feel the effects of the adversary around us. Tijs & Jessica. Romania

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MONDAY 11

My work continues with the high school teenagers in Medias. It is a real challenge for me to handle 27 teens every week. Please pray also for my mum's health. Mia, Romania

TUESDAY 12

Praise be to God alone! We are so grateful to Him for His grace and mercy. Daniela wrote to us asking for help to find a way out of drug addiction. After exchanging several messages, she decided to visit a local church where she gave her life to Jesus and decided to take part in the rehabilitation program. Through the 'Online Campaign', many have responded asking for prayer. Sasko & Ira, Serbia

WEDNESDAY 13

The management team of Grace & Light holds its last meeting of 2023 today with the focus on strategizing for the coming year and planning programmes for implementation. Pray for insight for the coordinator and other management staff in their deliberations and also for God to be honoured during this festive period. Tassie, Nigeria

THURSDAY 14

Pray for Dragica, that God will speak to her heart and help her come to know Him as her Lord and Saviour. She wants to stop smoking and we shared the testimony of a lady who had the same problem but diligently prayed and God answered her prayers. Now, she has been free from that addiction for over a year. We encouraged Dragica to start reading the gospel of Mark and see the power of Jesus in action, which she said she will do. Sasko & Ira, Serbia

FRIDAY 15

With the help of faithful volunteers, we rejoice in the Lord for the ongoing work among children every Sunday afternoon in all the small villages of Uyugan. More volunteers are also joining the music ministry. Jerry & Gea, Philippines

SATURDAY 16

Thank you for praying for last month's 'Anguish Prayer'. Some people travelled 24 hours by train and many by buses for 10 hours or more. There were more than 50 Pastors who had been in the police station in the last few months. 70 % of those who came were first converts from non-Christian background families. We had no chairs but carpets and floor to kneel down and cry out in prayer. The greatest joy was in our confidence in the Lord that He would pull down the invisible strongholds of the north so that the unreached in our nation will have the freedom to hear the good news of the kingdom of God and hear the words of our Lord. T & S, South Asia

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Elion Media a ministry run by Sasko and Ira are seeing several responses to the online platform 'Jesus the Messiah' (Isus Mesija), Serbia.

SUNDAY 17

Chris Lemming, our former AMEN chairman of Trustees has been promoted to glory. Under him, the charity progressed in many areas. While it became more financially stable, many new and successful ideas were incorporated such as the Gift Catalogue, the publication of a popular cookbook 'Taste and See' and the 20th anniversary celebration. It was he who decided that the first half of each Trustees meeting should be spent in prayer for our partners. His impact was huge and we thank God for his life. We remember Sandra his wife, also a former AMEN Trustee, who ceaselessly cared for him for many months towards the end of his life. Pray for the whole family in this sad time and for the preparations for his funeral on December 19.

MONDAY 18

Ask the Lord for spiritual and physical strength and good health for Jerry, as he pastors in Uyugan with his wife Gea who is also a public school teacher. Their young daughter is called Khesed. Jerry & Gea, Philippines

TUESDAY 19

By the grace of God, we reached 5289 villages with the gospel. Our burden is to reach 10,000 villages this Christmas. Last week, we camped in Cuddalore and did ministry. This weekend we will be evangelising the villages in the district of Ramnad. We do have much opposition, arrests and in some places, our missionaries had been beaten up. D & J, South Asia

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WEDNESDAY 20

We will be inviting people from the majority religion to our Christmas programme where we plan to share the gospel and give food. We appreciate your prayers for this event as we want people to receive salvation in Jesus, bringing glory to his name. S & B, South India

THURSDAY 21

£25 per month (especially if Gift Aided) covers both full board and educational expenses for a child in El Shadai children's home in South Asia... and we are grateful for those of you who have already 'signed up' and have been put in contact with specific children. Commit this need to the Lord that we might see more sponsors. At present there are 35 children (boys and girls aged from about six up to teenagers) who still require full or partial support. Stephen & Ann, UK

FRIDAY 22

"Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever" (Psalm 23:6 KJV). Thank God for a regular opportunity to share Christ through the Bible Basketball Fellowship which provides wholesome activity for the youth by means of basketball. Praise the Lord too for the regular Biblical Values Formation Classes which we can hold in the school campuses. Zaldy & Ria, Philippines

SATURDAY 23

I've been praying and the Lord has put in my heart the need to take food bags to areas close to the war zone that I visited this year. Many graciously helped earlier to provide a food bag for each family. As we approach Christmas, these places have mostly elderly and handicapped people who are unable to leave the war zone and are stranded. They are in need of God's grace, food and practical help for which we are looking to transport 1000 bags of food. I put this before the Lord and before you. We have the vehicles and willing hearts to pray and share the gospel. Stand in the gap with us. David & Rodica and the team, Romania

SUNDAY 24

Handel and his family appreciate your prayers for new donors to fund their projects to bring the gospel to an unreached group. Their personal support has also gone down. They do not want to give up this calling which they received from the Lord 4 years ago and which has borne spiritual fruit. They want to trust Jesus to lead them and see provision brought about by He who owns the cattle on a thousand hills. H & A, South Asia.

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The opening of a new tailoring centre under Tender Heart which is led by Francis and Alison. South Asia

Happy Christmas Happy Christmas
MONDAY 25 *Happy Christmas* **TO ALL**

Our daughter Sara (20) who has a servant heart is a survivor of a nasty brain tumour but recently has been poorly; she has lost weight and often feels sick. We have an appointment coming up with the neurologist. Our daughter Lena (11) full of love and joy has a rare disease that has not been diagnosed yet. Yana our 17 year old daughter has been selected and now joined an exchange programme in the USA. We are planning to run more camps for families with children who have disabilities – an opportunity to show the love of Jesus and share the good news of salvation. Sladjan & Jaroslava, Serbia

TUESDAY 26

Ask the Lord that the pastors in the north of the country will continually serve God in their difficulties and that we can be provided with funds to help them. We are planning to bless needy families, widows and pastors with presents this Christmas as part of our outreach. F & A, South Asia

WEDNESDAY 27

Day and night, the pain in Tijs hips is becoming unbearable. He contacted the doctor in Belgium who advised him to return in early April for surgery. This means he would be away for about 8 weeks which he prefers not to. We continue to look to the Lord and certainly do not rule out complete healing. We often see people healed on the spot, so we know that this is possible at any time. Please join us in praying for insight, discernment and faith. Tijs & Jessica, Romania

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THURSDAY 28

Please pray for Liviu and Elena and family, especially for Elena as she requires surgery for cataracts. John & Rosanne, Romania

FRIDAY 29

Those who attended the 'Anguish Prayer were given Bibles, materials and books to take home to the needy believers. Many are in prison, many have court cases going on and many house churches are shut down. This was never the case in the history of our nation. Maranatha! S & S, South Asia

SATURDAY 30

I need treatment for an infection in my mouth and in my teeth. Please join me in praying to our great provider that I may receive provision for my medical need. Sanjay, India

SUNDAY 31

*Almighty God, grant all those who pray, give and volunteer, including the trustees: Chris, Janet, Simon and Sharon your grace and humility as they serve partners of AMEN. Use their gifts and abilities to enrich the work they are called to do. We pray that hope and faith will be the fruit of their labours in the people who are being helped in Nigeria, Philippines, India, Romania, Pakistan and Serbia. May your light shine and direct them with wisdom in upholding your will for AMEN in **2024**. In the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.*

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One of the young people being baptised by pastor Zaldy. Pastor Zaldy and Ria lead the work of SIKATT (Christ is the Saviour of Tondo) Philippines