

AMEN & FRIENDS

SUNDAY 1 We are in the process of closing the deed of sale for the New Life Centre. A date has to be registered as soon as possible. We value your prayers. F & A, South Asia

MONDAY 2 The Lord was evidently at work in Sabtang island (a short voyage from the mainland in good weather) where there has been no lasting fellowship up to today for the handful of believers. Divine appointments followed us one after the other on our first visit and later led us to gather 19 people on our third visit. These are answers to many prayers, so let us give thanks for all that God has planned for us to do to extend his work further. We are asking in prayer for a full-time church planter plus whatever else is needed for the work to grow. Jerry & Gea, Philippines

TUESDAY 3 We have several check-ups scheduled with Sara, our eldest daughter, who is a lovely follower of Jesus, a survivor of a brain tumour who went through several medical treatments as a child. Please pray that everything remains stable. We are planning our calendar to understand what God wants us to do for the new season of Camp Hope, a camp we run for families and their children who have cancer or disabilities. We feel overwhelmed by the needs, only the Lord can give us discernment as to what we should do or should not do. Sladjan & Jaroslava, Serbia

WEDNESDAY 4 This Christmas season, pray for the trustees of AMEN together with those who pray, give and volunteer for the work of the charity that they will all have a happy and relaxing time over Christmas and the New Year with their families and friends. May those who face difficulties know the love and comforting presence of Jesus.

THURSDAY 5 "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. Matthew 7:7 Ask the Lord to grant us a studio for Elion Media Ministry together with a permanent home for us; ask the Lord to help us seek for it and find it, knock with us with perseverance that we may see the door open to us. He has the right place and in His perfect time, He will open that door for us. We can't wait to celebrate and give God all the glory when we see what He has prepared for us! Sasko & Ira, Serbia

FRIDAY 6 Thank God for the increasing understanding of Grace & Light programmes and the positive response from denominations and schools concerning partnership. Pray that all stakeholders will continue to grow in the might of God's power for the Kingdom's sake. Tassie, Nigeria

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The pre-school run by Catalin & Magda in Romania. Remember them in prayer.

SATURDAY 7 We are going to hold an Outdoor Retreat for the first time. The WIN (Women In the Nations) core group together with some likeminded friends will join us for spiritual renewal and prayer for the nations. Ask God's anointing on all participants and in all our preparations including the needed funds for the programme. A, South Asia

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SUNDAY 8 Ragland Bible College last month started with a new batch of students. Thank God for new people who want have a deeper understanding of the Bible. Pray that all the students will adjust to their new life in the campus, gain new friends and be given wisdom and understanding to be fully committed to the call of God in their lives. Remember those who come from families who do not share the faith they have. Santhosh & Eben, South Asia

MONDAY 9 Give thanks to God! He has done great things for us during our time on the MV Doulos Hope in the Philippines; in CRST Missions Bible School in Romania and in Tiraspol church in Transnistria, a semi-autonomous breakaway region of Moldova under Russian control. A few days ago, we spoke at a missions' meeting in a church in Dorset. Pray for more prayer warriors for missions around the world. We fly today to spend 6 weeks onboard MV Logos Hope in Trinidad and Tobago. As we join the work God has prepared in advance for us to do, may we be found worthy followers of Him.
Gareth & Malou, UK

TUESDAY 10 Typhoons, one after the other, earthquake and floods causing a lot of damage to lives and livelihood are becoming a regular phenomenon. We are planning a relief operation specially for our spiritual family, many of whom lost their source of income. Remember us in all that is involved in gathering resources and our preparations. Zaldy & Ria, Philippines

WEDNESDAY 11 In Cebu where we are church planting in the slums, Jannette had a talk with the mothers on family communication and parenting. For the mothers, it was their first time to hear such teaching. Pray these families will see transformation in their lives as a result of Christ in their lives.
Winston & Jannette, Philippines

THURSDAY 12 Ask the Lord to bless our ministry leaders with faithfulness in following the Lord's Word, that greater things be entrusted to us. We are still in need of funds to pay legal fees and taxes in our newly acquired lot. We need good weather and would like to see a good response to our planned Christmas activities. Jerry & Gea, Philippines

FRIDAY 13 In the remote mountain area of area K are a few marginalised people who live in impoverished conditions and struggle with daily survival. One of our projects, prompted by the love of Christ, is for the distribution of grains to these hungry families. This has brought about great encouragement and hope to these lonely, aged,

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Bottom photo: Magda on the left with her pre-school pupils.

sick and broken people but above all God is bringing comfort and peace to their hearts. A midday meal now plus medical assistance is also being given to them, so please remember them in your prayers. KM, South Asia

SATURDAY 14 As we meet pastors tomorrow for a special gathering, pray for the Word to be a great encouragement with testimonies of the Holy Spirit speaking to their individual situations, unity and love, networking and concern for one another. Above all, that this meeting will be glorifying and pleasing to the Lord. J & H, South Asia

SUNDAY 15 *Now I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that what has happened to me has actually served to advance the gospel.* Philippians 1:12 *They will fight against you but will not overcome you, for I am with you and will rescue you," declares the Lord.* Jeremiah 1:19 Paul's chains advance the gospel. Keep us in your prayers and join us on 30th of November in Anguish Prayer. Those holding positions in our government are making inquiries about individuals and groups that are partnering with us as well as our meetings, our literature and activities, all of which is raising concern. T & S, South Asia

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MONDAY 16 Pray we will find rest time as a family and for continued good health. We are also already incredibly thankful for the improvement in my (Tijs) hips – it is so blissful to be able to do some physical labour again. Our desire is never to fall short of faith but to give glory to Him alone. Remember us this coming Christmas season and all that is involved. Tijs & Jessica, Romania

TUESDAY 17 Pray that God will lead and guide us to the right architect, engineer and builder and pray for the needed finance to start the 1st phase of the building project. F & A, South Asia

WEDNESDAY 18 Pray for the upcoming Christmas program in 5 places. We are trusting God to provide for the food, Christmas gifts, clothes for the children and for all the arrangements. We need food and small gift items for about 450 people, 30 Bibles and clothes for 65 children. Thank you. Our prayer for this program is to bring families to Christ. Rani, South Asia

THURSDAY 19 Every year at Christmas, we reach hundreds of people with the love of Christ by giving gifts, helping them and sharing the Word of God. Again, this year, we have planned to give food parcels to 130 of the poorest families; provide 120 widows with warm clothes, shawls, socks, shoes, sweaters and also serve them food. 400+ children will also be given food, toys, stationary, sport items, warm caps, socks, sweaters and they will have the opportunity to hear Bible stories. We want to serve 200 Gypsy children and their families living in tents with spiritual and physical food on Christmas day. These special people live around our city. We also want to release 25 families from brick kiln slavery and serve 30 pastors who are working amongst the less privileged. In addition, we want to encourage 15 brothers and sisters from another faith who follow Jesus. N & S, South Asia

FRIDAY 20 We are arranging a Christmas event with invitations to those in the government and the religious. We hope to see 300 to 500 who will hear the Word of the Lord Jesus Christ and respond in repentance and salvation. They will be given food and a gospel calendar. Join us in praying fervently for this meeting to bring about spiritual fruit and for more than enough provision to support this event. S & B, South Asia

SATURDAY 21 Tomorrow, we hold our Christmas programme and expect over 100 people. We will be sharing the love of Christ and giving each a gospel of John. Pray for a move of the Holy Spirit and for good weather. J & H, South Asia

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A well organised pre-school for the Roma children who may never have the opportunity to study

SUNDAY 22 We will hold a one-day workshop on the topic 'SAM' (Sensitization, Awareness and Motivation) with Dr. Lucy Zehole who will speak to us from her many years of research and teaching experience at North East Hills University, Shillong. We thank God that she has also kindly funded the cost of running this workshop including the refreshments. Our urgent need is for a desktop computer for the ministry in Shillong and for payment of our rent. A, South Asia

MONDAY 23 We are already in the city of D to have sufficient time to physically and spiritually prepare for 'Anguish Prayer' on November 30th. At the same time, we are facing some challenges from the authorities and need wisdom from the Lord. 'The authority of Lord Jesus will back us up everywhere' T & S, South Asia

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TUESDAY 24 We have a new director for the HUB Bible school, Belgrade. Ask the Lord for wisdom as he steps into this new role and restarts the programme. Regarding the community centre, we are in the final and most challenging part of the construction of the building and need much wisdom in the management process. Sladjan & Jaroslava, Serbia

WEDNESDAY 25 Glory to God, we had a wonderful program for the sewing ladies. Twenty graduated and were given certificates while nine of them have come to know Christ and shared their testimonies. Out of the 210 who attended, 185 do not know Jesus yet. We gave them a meal and above all, shared about Christ. 18 wanted to know more about Christ and were given Bibles. God has provided two sewing machines and Lord willing we will be able to give another two during our Christmas programme. R, South Asia

THURSDAY 26 Please continue to pray we can pay for salaries. For the time being we have €650 (c £540) of fixed sponsorship for this, but we need €2500 (c £2080) for three full time jobs. More work has to be done in the upper room which will also involve the fire department so that the building can finally be registered which is an urgent need. Tijs & Jessica, Romania

FRIDAY 27 Praise the LORD I was able to lead 2 CWTP prayer retreats which were a blessing. What stood out during this retreat was that many felt that God gave them rest. And because they were able to rest, they were able to pray well. One missionary, a wife, testified that the pain she has been carrying was caused by her mother who was causing her false guilt because she had chosen to become a missionary to the urban poor. She was able to realise that and the result is that she was able to forgive her. Winston & Jannette, Philippines

SATURDAY 28 We had a simple gathering to praise God for the life of pastor Zaldy who has celebrated his 40th birthday. Also, for Ria's recent graduation completing a masteral programme in education. Her health and medical costs are a constant faith stretching experience. In our country, the government doesn't offer us free medical care. Ask the Lord Jesus to grant us full confidence to come to him to receive his grace and mercy in our time of need. Zaldy & Ria, Philippines

SUNDAY 29 We will celebrate Christmas together with our M Mission Communities by having a big Church service with lunch. This people group are marginalised by the majority people. We want to

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Remember Catalin (left), and Magda (3rd from the left), that their perseverance in teaching the Roma children will be rewarded by the Lord.

bless the widows and the children with gifts which will include 50 New Testaments in English and Urdu translations for the youth. The Lord put it on my heart to write about Christmas, print it and distribute it among ethnic groups. Pray for the printing and for the cost of travelling around. N & S, South Asia

MONDAY 30 Praise God! Last month, I went to my village and had the opportunity to proclaim the gospel to my own family and relatives. Ask the Lord to confirm his Word to my family circle. Our hearts also desire to bless our poor sisters in the faith with sarees this Christmas. S & B, South Asia

TUESDAY 31 *He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.* Psalms 147:3 We spoke to many people who are in need of spiritual, emotional and physical healing and were able to point them to God and His Word. Dosta, who already received a New Testament from us, is crying out to God to heal her son. She wrote: "My son's name is Ilija. When he was healthy, he was one of the best students, both in elementary and high school. He competed in physics and mathematics competitions, graduated from the Faculty of Economics on time, and began working in a bank. He worked there for a year, but then he fell ill. That was in 2010, and since then, he has been hospitalized in psychiatric care several times. He takes a lot of medication; sometimes he feels a bit better, but more often, he feels anxious because of all the medications. It's very hard for me to watch him suffer, but what can I do? Thank you very much, may God bless you, wonderful people!". Sasko & Ira, Serbia

