

AMEN & FRIENDS

SUNDAY 1 Today, Gareth and Malou are in Belgrade, Serbia. In the morning, Gareth will be speaking via Serbian translation at the First Baptist Church and then, in the afternoon, at The Centre Church. Planning our schedule around the preparation and sale of Gareth's late mother's house is proving to be challenging. Later this month, Gareth will be speaking to 50 guests in Montenegro with Oak Hall expeditions while Malou will be joining the Open Air Mission's annual London outreach week'. Gareth & Malou, UK

MONDAY 2 You have prayed for Bastine's mum, Pramila, who was going through chemo and also for us as we helped her. The Lord has called our beloved mother Pramila home and she is now with the Lord in glory. Thank you for all your love and prayers in our time of grief. Sanjay & Bastine and her brothers; Anthony and Roshan, India

TUESDAY 3 Matthew 12:21 tells us, 'In his name the nations will put their hope'. We have done an intensive Easter campaign trying to reach out with the gospel to hundreds of people and are gaining more followers on our social media platform, 'Jesus the Messiah'. The statistics are encouraging. In the last 3 months, over 400 people saw our ads at least once and they were on screen over 2 million times; over 800 of them shared it and over 200 sent us a message. We have 100+ new contacts and we sent out more than 100 New Testaments and 7 Bibles. Glory to God! Sasko & Ira, Serbia

WEDNESDAY 4 I will be flying to Iligan to give a talk on 'Holy Communion' and will also be preaching on Sunday. I appreciate your prayers. Winston, Philippines

THURSDAY 5 'It is more blessed to give than to receive' Acts 20:35. This verse admonishes believers to share their material blessings with the needy around them, no matter the economic hardship. Today, ask God to help you become a giver and not just a taker. Pray also that other Christians will grow in the grace of giving that glorifies God. Tassie, Nigeria

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Jacob proudly presents his work during their Vacation Bible School with Grace Ministries. PHILIPPINES

FRIDAY 6 Please pray for the children to whom we are reaching out with the gospel that they will have tender hearts to receive the good news and will know the unconditional love of God for them. Love, patience and wisdom for all the teachers of Grace Ministries, Batanes. Jerry & Gea, Philippines

SATURDAY 7 We had experienced a deep and difficult time over the past two weeks so we kindly ask you to keep Elena and her family in your prayers. After a very busy season of ministry, we had planned a short vacation in Austria, where our friends had kindly offered us a place to stay. We were looking forward to a time of rest, traveling by car with a stop in Budapest. However, on the morning of Good Friday, just before continuing our trip, we received a heartbreaking phone call — Elena's father had passed away. While he had been somewhat unwell in recent months, he was a strong man, and his sudden passing came as a great shock to all of us. Easter Sunday became the day of his funeral, and it was a time filled with sorrow and loss for our entire family. We are holding on to the hope of the resurrection and the comfort that only God can bring in times like these. Your prayers mean so much to us right now. Liviu & Elena, Romania

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SUNDAY 8 Our island ministry in Sabtang is still young but we have seen a growth in numbers. Pray that every person who comes to study God's Word will want more of Christ and their lives will be powerfully transformed. Jerry & Gea, Philippines

MONDAY 9 We can take more SIKATT scholars! With the transformation many have experienced, their lives tell a story of hope in Christ and are models in our society; they are able to achieve much and be a blessing in return. Pray for more scholarship sponsors and for a positive response to our activities such as 'Bible Basketball' and the 'Dental Mission'. Zaldy & Ria, Philippines

TUESDAY 10 Titty, my wife, is doing bravely with the chemo. While there are inevitable side effects and difficult days, she remains strong in spirit. Your prayers mean a lot to her and to all of us — thank you for lifting her up before the Lord. KM

WEDNESDAY 11 We are having a very hard conversation with Natasha, who has had a very difficult life, with much physical abuse from her husband and problems at work. Now she says that she is homeless because she has run away from her husband. We are trying to point her to God and have sent her the Bible, encouraging her to read it so she will get to know Him and His plans for her life. Please pray with us for Natasha, that God will draw her closer to Him so that she will be willing to surrender fully to His will and His leading. Sasko & Ira, Serbia

THURSDAY 12 Greetings in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ. By His grace, the May 1 Youth Fasting Camp was a blessing. The venue was full. The programmes were filled with the power of the Holy Spirit. Songs, worship, short dramas and testimonies touched and revived the youth. In the midst of a hot season, our Lord gave us a very pleasant cloudy day. Brother David Ganesan challenged the youth with the testimonies and visions which God has entrusted to him. The theme was "Pray, come to the street, preach and lay your hands". Prayer, linked with active evangelism, was encouraged. Before everyone made their way home, they were provided with food. Pray that the youth will stand in their commitments and live for Christ. Pray also for the 4 lakhs (c. £3458) needed to pay for the remaining camp expenses. We pray for you all. David & Jeba, India



Jerry & Gea, leaders of Grace Ministries Batanes, with Khesed their daughter. PHILIPPINES

FRIDAY 13 Give thanks to God who is the source of all provision. AMEN was started because of God's prompting and has always seen answers to prayer. Let us ask for a good response to the summer newsletter that we may continue to see all our partners provided with the support given. Pray also for other people who are also directly supporting our partners, that they too may have the ability to increase their giving.

SATURDAY 14 Running a UK based charity today involves ensuring it is operated in an environment where compliance, legal governance, data protection, safeguarding and risk assessments are part of the 'to do' list alongside the legal financial responsibilities. Remember the AMEN trustees (Chris & Sharon Chatfield, Janet White and Simon Williams) as they share a heavy load with these and other demands alongside their own work outside AMEN. Ask the Lord to give them wisdom for a healthy balance in their spiritual, physical, emotional and social lives and a good return for the service they give.

SUNDAY 15 Today, members' meetings and a monitoring visit of Grace & Light accountability and VSAG groups are taking place in partner churches. Pray that the two exercises will help bring understanding to members so they do more to advance social righteousness in society. Tassie, Nigeria

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MONDAY 16 Ask the Lord to deepen the understanding of those who are being disciplined by Grace Ministries that they may learn and do as their master and Lord, always seeking, like Jesus, to do the Father's will.
Jerry & Gea, Philippines

TUESDAY 17 Praise God for the lives of individuals who are DAS (Differently Abled). Some have multiple health issues from birth but each life is stamped with God's story of his grace and miracles and, in their own ways, they demonstrate the power of their faith. We are following the programme called, 'Power of Reading' which is specially designed to help them enjoy the Bible and their schoolbooks. A, South Asia

WEDNESDAY 18 I had a miraculous recovery from my leg injury. I want to thank everyone who prayed for me. Roy, India

THURSDAY 19 Psalm 10:17-18 "O Lord, you hear the desire of the afflicted; you encourage them and you listen to their cry, defending the fatherless and the oppressed, so that mere earthly mortals will never again strike terror." A woman who was sold to a brothel in a nearby country when she was 15 has recently been rescued and returned home. She is now 32. She accepted the Lord and had been baptised through our outreach. We all wept with her after her conversion and rescue. Pray that she will be a true witness in her village.
T & S, South Asia

FRIDAY 20 We are reaching out to the community into which we recently moved. We got an excellent response to the film show we screened for them and also from the youth we had gathered for sports. Ask the Lord to build his church in this community. Naphtali & Gladys, Nigeria

SATURDAY 21 We have recently baptised 14 individuals who publicly declared their faith in Jesus Christ. We give God the glory. Remember us as we mentor, support and encourage them to walk in their new life in Christ. N & S, South Asia

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Jerry baptising one of the young people in the sea.
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SUNDAY 22 Thank God for Sladjan and Jaroslava who direct the work in the Bible School, lead Kamp Nade (Camp Hope) for those with disabilities, run a growing church and also oversee the building of a community centre in Opovo near Belgrade. There are many challenges that go with each of these. Pray they will look to the Lord in the tough times and know that the work in Serbia is in His hands.
M.B.

MONDAY 23 During our campaign of giving Bibles and New Testaments as a gift, Goran was very grateful saying that he is so glad that there is someone who is making it possible for people to read God's Word. Please pray for Goran that he will now read the Bible he received and come to know God as His loving Father and Jesus as his Saviour.
Sasko & Ira, Serbia

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TUESDAY 24 Pray for resources for two more medical camps to be held in impoverished Christian villages. N & S, South Asia

WEDNESDAY 25 Matt 25:40 "...whatever you did for one of the least of these...you did for me" Praise God for every divine provision we receive for the DAS (Differently Abled) - their medication, vitamin/nutrition, handicraft materials and reading resources. Ask the Lord for their overall well-being as they move to adulthood. They also need to develop confidence in pursuing their dreams. We plan to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the DAS ministry on "The International Day of People with Disabilities". We aim to bring awareness to our churches and our society so as to create a support group within our own communities. A, South Asia

THURSDAY 26 Handling betrayal God's way is the only path to relief, restoration and having the peace of the Lord who gives justice to the oppressed. Pray that survivors of Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV) would trust the Lord for his peace and inner healing. Also, as we prepare for a workshop tomorrow, ask God to give us direction. Tassie, Nigeria

FRIDAY 27 We thank God for provision. We started to build our own house after our landlord doubled the cost of the rent. Initially, there was no water or electricity. We moved to our new house as soon as it was habitable. Continue to pray for safety and for resources; for the cost of education for our daughter; for our team in Mission Field House and for our personal needs. The Lord is so faithful. Naphtali & Gladys, Nigeria

SATURDAY 28 In Kerala, we are struggling with continuous heavy rains; the weather conditions in our area can, potentially, bring about disasters. Pray this will not happen again.
Roy & Ponna, India

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Jerry & Gea, together with God's family in Uyugan, gathered for their Easter sunrise service on the beach.
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SUNDAY 29 Sabahat (Pakistan) has been diagnosed with a thyroid problem and will be taking medication for 3 months while in Serbia, Sladjan's mum is in constant pain due to terminal cancer; Sarah and Lena, Sladjan's daughters, also have medical needs. Ask our Lord, the Healer, to touch all these as you pray.

MONDAY 30 Praise God! Both my sons, Joel and Joy have passed with good marks in their school. Joel was promoted to 5th standard while Joy was promoted to 2nd standard. Commit to the Lord the continuous need for their educational costs. Thank you for praying.
Sanjay & Bastine, India