

# Prayer and Care

December 2011



**Methodists for  
World Mission**

News of our Mission Partners working in partnerships across the world and in Britain

## The Prayer & Care Initiative

1. A regular direct link with each mission partner.
2. News and support of ministers serving in Britain from our World Church in Britain Partnerships (Belonging Together).
3. The MWM Prayer and Care leaflet – **Please copy the leaflet for wider circulation and insert in church newsletters.**

### From our Mission Partners

– The full texts of prayer letters and the monthly WCR News Bulletin are available by email or by sending a stamped addressed envelope to the MWM Prayer and Care Coordinator.

As we approach Christmas please use the Prayer Handbook and this leaflet to affirm our very real support of prayer and care for all our mission partners.

## Incoming ministers joining the Methodist Church in Britain

	Sending church	Circuit Assignment
Revd Luiz Cardoso	MC Brazil	Bailiwick of Guernsey
Revd Kong Ching Hii	MC Malaysia	West London Mission
Revd Susan Howe	United MC	South Molton & Ringsash
Revd Mark Jason	Church of South India	Central Scotland
Revd Seung-Wook Jung	Korean Evangelical Holiness Church	North Norfolk
Revd Keith Lowder	United MC	Aldershot, Farnborough & Camberley
Revd David Markay	United MC	Sheffield Brunswick
Revd Kristin Markay	United MC	Barnsley
Revd Devadas Matcha	Church of North India	Bolton
Revd Merika Nkwana	MC Southern Africa	Barking, Dagenham & Ilford
Revd Manivasagan Pillay	MC Southern Africa	The Fens

## **World Mission Conference 2012**

### **Scaling the Hurdles in Africa: Hopes and Challenges for the Church of the 21st Century!"**

**Date:** 25-27 May 2012

**Organiser:** Revd Femi Cole-Njie

**Booking Forms** available from:  
Diana Bosman, 48 Dower Road,  
Sutton Coldfield, B75 6TX.

Tel: 0121 3082251 or

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## **MWM 2011 Conference Magazine 'Caribbean Encounter'**

Have you received your copy?

Contact: Alison Judd

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## **From the WCR Bulletin**

Let us thank the Lord that for every difficult situation in the world, be it the devastating flooding in Pakistan, the restriction of civil liberties in Fiji or some of the problems faced by people in the Bahamas, the body of Christ, the Church, is sharing the loving Gospel of Christ through its service and witness to all those who may be poor in spirit and in material wealth.

We thank God for mobilising our partners around the world to meet the needs of those in many a difficult situation.

(You can read about the work of God's Church around the world in this latest World Church Relationships News Bulletin.)

## **Mission Partners on Mission Partner Leave in 2012**

Mission partners often have PowerPoint presentations, music and stories to share for a wide range of events: coffee mornings, sharing in worship, international evenings, after Sunday lunch, informal, small and midweek groups.

### **David and Rhona Burfield**

(Malaysia) Nottingham, Newcastle, Leeds, Taunton, Bucks, Available from mid-April

### **The Revd Peter and Mrs Janice**

**Clark** (Sierra Leone) Skipton,  
13 February-31 March

**Rosalind Colwill** (Nigeria) London,  
Mid-March-mid-May

**Barbara Dickinson** (Kenya) Norwich,  
mid April-mid June

**The Revd David and Mrs Rhoda Nixon**  
(Zambia) Enniskillen, engagements  
coordinated by MMS Ireland mid-  
April-mid May

### **Drs Graham and Jenny**

**Longbottom** (The Solomon Islands)  
Various locations  
mid-June-mid December

If you would like to invite anyone,  
please contact **Jan Deakin** at  
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## From our Mission Partners

### **Andy Dye in Grenada**

#### Prayer Requests

- For the superintendent, the Revd Tessica Hackshaw, recovering from illness.
- Give thanks for the work of Wesley College over 35 years.
- For the busy few months coming at school leading up to the Christmas break.

### **The Lacey Family in Antigua**

#### Prayer requests

- The outcomes of our three project proposals in progress
- A healthy pregnancy for Věra
- The new Sunday School at our church, which Sofie is attending.

### **Howard Mellor in Hong Kong**

Our flat is in Wan Chai and on the 16th floor. It is well appointed but small with, curiously a two burner stove and no oven. We are very grateful for the gift of '100 things to cook in a wok'.

### **The Burfields in Malaysia**

Our secondment ends early next year. Rhona and David return to the UK in April and will be available until the end of June to visit churches to share about their work.

### **Waddells in Zambia**

God's blessing and keeping for beloved family members and friends. His comfort and peace for those overcoming particularly difficult situations. Thanksgiving for the joys and wonders of gifts received from God helping us to meet moments of joy and sorrow. *And from our blog:* 'The dead body buried next to the living tree is a symbol of the continuing interaction between life and death and the area where the living commune with ancestral spirits. The dead so close to the living perhaps makes death something less to be feared – a process on the journey to heaven.'

## Shelley Cooling at Matthew Rusike Children's Home in Zimbabwe

Differences with my home in Harare:

- inconsistent water and electricity supply
- sunshine
- lizards and huge spiders
- early morning devotions with all staff
- using a bucket instead of a shower
- everybody goes to church
- resourcefulness of Zimbabweans
- no internet
- everybody knows everybody
- houses are always open for visitors
- greeting one another is very important!

### Prayer requests

- To continue to settle into my placement and to make productive working relationships
- To be able source suitable resources for the ECD centre
- To quickly grasp some basic Shona to enable communication

### Prayer and Care – Wanted

- District contacts for distributing this leaflet to local churches
- District links for people to act as direct links with mission partners

## The Kilpatricks in Sri Lanka

God has been reminding us that he is the centre and source of everything.

## Eddie Sykes in Bahamas – Hurricanes

We live in hurricane alley, we are prepared, and we give God thanks that although there is much destruction lives are spared. And after the hurricane has passed, we are left in awe at nature's power, and the most beautiful sunsets.

## Julia Edwards in Fiji

The landscape of Tebunginako is a timely reminder of the likely future impacts of climate change in Kiribati and other low-lying islands. Long before islands are submerged physically by rising sea levels, the land will become uninhabitable because of the invasion of salt water.

*'Let us all thank God for the clean and always available water we have and pray for our Pacific brothers and sisters.'* – Jan Deakin

### Can you help? Wanted

**New General Secretary** – Is this your opportunity to give invaluable support to MWM in this important role?

Prayer requests for the next issue to reach Irene McKay by 14 February 2012.

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