

Prayer Update – November 2023

Loving God – bringing His transformation with young people in challenging places



Introduction

The government will rest on his shoulders.

And he will be called:

Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God,

Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

His government and its peace

will never end.

He will rule with fairness and justice from the throne of his ancestor David

for all eternity.

Looking at hand-wringing world leaders, observing furious national leaders, angry zealous combatants, and countless injured innocents; brings despair. As in decades past, through countless wars, we look into the pages of our Bibles for hope. Hope that does not disappoint is the hope that flows to us and through us from the throne of David, on which sits the Messiah who came first to the Jews and then to the world. Establishing selfless forgiveness as the principle of the Prince.

Israel, so often the focus of struggle; tribal, nationalist, religious, personal, gets us all going. Some side with God in criticising Israeli foreign policy and oppressive self-interest. Some see any criticism of God's beloved people as anti-Semitism.

Jesus, Messiah, be born in us, grow to maturity in us, bring beauty through us, save us from ourselves.

1. Thanksgiving

1. *EQUIP Training Children's Workers*

2023 has been a very strong year for EQUIP

- **7 UK Global Trainers** sent out to...
- **7 different countries** to deliver...
- **9 EQUIP courses** for...
- **278 participants!**
- **3 new trainers joined the team**
- **2 trainee senior trainers stepped up**

2. *PURE Justice*

The Gambia expedition has just returned rejoicing

- **200 families set free from water poverty**
- **50 women equipped with reusable sanitary pads**
- **2 women established as local producers of pads**

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Water filter sponsorship continues to grow

- **244 filters now sponsored**
- **Data flows indicate amazing transformation for families**

3. *Engine Room*

- Communications have flowed well through the year with currently over 300 people receiving regular updates on the work of the ministry.
- Finance has been hard going through the year but God has provided wonderfully and we have been able to do everything in our prayerful plans.
- We have reviewed and improved our policies & processes after 6 years of charity development

4. *BUILD Justice Expeditions*

- **Only one expedition took place this year – to Tijuana in July. The team built for a family that had lost their home in a house fire.**

5. *Big Walk*

- **£6700.00 raised split equally between Amor Europe and pastors' families in B Faso displaced by violence**

2. Needs

1. *EQUIP Overseas Partnerships*

- We are planning for expeditions in 9 location in 2024 – we need a sensible, achievable diary that enables recruitment to the various expedition teams and works well with partners' needs and calendars.
- We're recruiting for a taster weekend to recruit new Global trainers in January
- New 'Train the Trainers' course at final draft stage for rollout in 2024
- Growing team of excellent trainers

2. *PURE Initiatives*

- Filter sponsorships release joy
- Recruitment to PURE expeditions in November 2023 and February 2024
- A new initiative to develop a small business model for distribution. Here families will pay for their filters from savings made as a result of having them. Pray that we get this right and release a dignifying, wealth creating and exponentially growing project that releases thousands of people from water poverty.
- Wells – we are exploring the construction of wells as part of our approach to improving access to water for communities.
- PAD Project – we have begun small in The Gambia with 50 women provided with washable sanitary pads. Two women have been equipped to run a sustainable business providing washable sanitary pads for more women.

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3. *House Building Justice Expeditions*

- Recruitment of team members to 2024 trips.
 - a. Mexico – youth groups (Easter)
 - b. IF - men (May)
 - c. Belfast – school, no house building, social justice only (July)
 - d. South Africa (July)
 - e. Women of Strength (July)
 - f. Moldova (August)
 - g. Kenya (August)
- Construction of BUILD team in UK
- Future recruitment in 2025 and beyond

3. Charity Building

Big Walk – We are looking for places willing to host and organise walks for people to gain sponsorship for Amor Europe and for feeding hungry children. We are hoping to do this in partnership with Feed the Hungry in June 2024

INSPIRE - An evening with Amor Europe. We are planning Inspire in Folkestone on Thursday January 11, and then a 3- date tour in March – Loughborough, Bath and Walsall.

TRUSTEES We plan to recruit 2 or 3 new Trustees in 2024. Pray for those coming in to contribute strongly, and for the existing Trustee team to provide excellent leadership and responsibility. Trustees meet in December.