

Prayer Update – March 2023

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



Introduction

Exodus 1

¹⁶ “When you are helping the Hebrew women during childbirth on the delivery stool, if you see that the baby is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, let her live.” ¹⁷ The midwives, however, feared God and did not do what the king of Egypt had told them to do; they let the boys live.

What an amazing group of courageous women we find here in the Bible. They are not Israelites, they are Egyptians. Their behaviour is described as God-fearing and plays out in acts of right behaviour. They are the heroes of this part of His story.

God as revealed in the Bible is committed to people of all nations, drawing out the best in them. He wants much more for each one than that they would fear him. Fear invokes a hierarchy of ‘who am I most afraid of?’ There is a right awe even dread of one who has ultimate authority over you, your king, your destiny. But God is revealed in the Bible as far more than ultimate authority, much more than the trump card in a fear hierarchy.

He is the God of love, revealed in the person of Jesus as sacrificially lifting us out of slavery to one fear or another. Being ruled by Jesus is a joyful expression of willing right living. Here at Amor Europe, we love to do right because we have learned that expressing our love to Jesus plays out in loving what He cares about – with special regard to the weak and the oppressed.

1. Thanksgiving

1. *EQUIP Training Children’s Workers*

- Excellent recent training in South Asia rekindled friendships and set in motion a process towards a vibrant network of children’s workers making young disciples of Jesus.

2. *PURE Justice Expeditions*

- Two wonderful expeditions travelled to The Gambia in 2022, delivering 400 water filters direct to families in need of transformation in their health.
- 180 filters in The Gambia have been sponsored by individuals and we have accurate health statistics on each family demonstrating massive health improvements. In addition, great friendships are forming between local church leaders and families.
- 400 filters sponsored by grant making trusts have been distributed in Burkina Faso. Here we have seen near 100% improvement in symptoms among the families.

3. *Engine Room*

- We closed out 2022 with slightly more in the bank than we started it. This is a miracle given the extreme pressures on all our systems coming out of covid and delivering huge amounts of ministry.
- We have grown by three team members. Charlie and Will have joined EQUIP both potentially to become Senior Trainers. Joey is helping develop optional tools for personal development in discipleship.

4. *BUILD Justice Expeditions*

- Expeditions to Kenya; Tijuana, Mexico (twice); South Africa; and Puerta Peñasco, Mexico saw 7 houses and a guest house built.

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2. Needs

1. **EQUIP Overseas Partnerships**

- We send teams to Burundi, Rwanda and Sri Lanka over the next few months. Working with partners our EQUIP teams facilitate training for children's workers.

2. **PURE Clean Water Initiatives**

- Sponsorship remains a high priority in our communications. Pray for more sponsors and therefore more families released from dangerous water ill health.
- Recruitment to PURE expeditions in November 2023 and February 2024
- A new initiative to develop a hire purchase business distribution model for water filters is under construction. Pray that we get this right and release a dignifying, wealth creating and exponentially growing project that releases thousands of people from water poverty.

3. **House Building Justice Expeditions**

- Recruitment of team members to 2024 trips.
 - a. Mexico – youth groups (Easter)
 - b. IF - men (May)
 - c. Mexico - Schools (July)
 - d. South Africa (July)
 - e. Kenya (August)
- Possible Moldova trip in summer of 2023 – some fragility around this related to the war and pressures on our partner.
- Mexico 2023 team heading out in July. Fund raising and preparations under way.

3. Charity Building

Walk the World We are doing a series of Big Walks to raise funds Amor Europe and for those in extreme hunger and need.

Trustees – Trustees meet in May

Recruitment – More Global Trainers would enable more ministry in more countries

INSPIRE - An evening with Amor Europe. Pray that we are able to hold several of these inspirational evenings, connecting with supporters and encouraging new friendships

Funding – We would like to expand PURE and BUILD departments. To do so we would need to successfully secure funding for the posts in order to grow the departments into financial sustainability.

Overall, in 2023 we expect things to be quite tight as the year progresses. Pray for our ability to connect with those moved to finance the ministry.