



Monday 24 June 2024

ICG, Nigeria
South Africa, new leaders, summer at St Helen's

Leading

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Psalm 122

1. Gathering to give thanks
2. Praying for peace

Through many dangers, toils and snares,
we have already come;
'tis grace has brought us safe thus far
and grace will lead us home.

GARETH AND KATHERINE IN NORTHERN NIGERIA

Please thank God with us and pray for:

1. The published Scripture portions released in the Kamuku community (NW Nigeria) in May. **Pray** that indigenous churches will take the chance to use these Scriptures widely in their congregations, and that the material (Jonah and two gospels) will be helpful in teaching and training Christians in living for Jesus and reaching out to the lost.
2. The dedication of the complete Bwaatye New Testament in NE Nigeria in mid-June. **Pray** for the wide and effective distribution of the books and audio version in this large people group (maybe 1m), and for the project team as they press on with Old Testament translation.
3. The young Nigerians Gareth is especially engaged in training and mentoring in the work: Pray for Kaduwe, Isyaku (=Isaac), Nanle, Ishmael.
4. Gareth's role in a reset of our local congregation in Jos this coming year, including being part of a new preaching team.
5. Our family's opportunity to spend time in London this summer and for the welcome we have received. **Pray** that what we share will be helpful, and for wise thinking about adjustments in our respective roles as we return to our expanding Bible translation team at the headquarters office in Jos in August—especially that we would be able to effectively train, mentor and guide younger colleagues (especially Nigerian colleagues) in our work and mission.

INTERNATIONAL GROWTH GROUPS

Praise the LORD for answered prayers

- Deepening devotion to Christ from a year spent studying Mark; large numbers attending the Explore Bible studies, with quite a few professing faith for the first time
- Marked increase in the number of English-speaking workers, especially from Malaysia; students taking initiative to read the Bible with one another and non Christian friends
- Members of ICG continuing to meditate on truths we've seen over the course of the year; for gospel-shaped decisions made in response

Pray the LORD would...

- Enable those leaving ICG (both for the summer, & for good) to be a blessing to local churches back home
- Prepare the new team of leaders to be godly & prayerful in the new year; for good times getting into Romans; for those leading for the first time; and for Carl Thomas as he takes over leading the English-speaking student ministry
- Bring many new students & workers to settle within the English & Mandarin ministries; for ICG to do a really good job of welcoming newcomers, both on Sundays and midweek; & for the year in Romans to strengthen ICG for a lifetime of worshipping the one true God.

CHRIS AND SOPHIE IN CAPE TOWN, SOUTH AFRICA

1. Family

- Pray that we invest well in our now teenage children to model, counsel and coach them in pursuing Jesus for life. That they would grow in life-giving, godly habits and that they would all love Jesus and find their core identity in Him.
- Pray that holiday over the next two weeks would be a time of enjoying the children, and that we'd allow them freedom to grow. Also, for time with Sophie's family who are mostly not Christian.

2. Hope Central Church

- Praise for growth in numbers especially in our youth and children's ministry, as well as gifted people willing to serve.
- Pray that through sermons and studies in the Overview we'd be convinced that God's plan in Christ is worth bringing our whole lives on board with.
- Pray that prayer would become a core and indispensable part of our church culture, both individually and corporately.
- Pray that the wonderful selflessness towards church family would extend to intentionally reaching the lost outside of the church.

3. Hope training

- Pray for the current 8 apprentices to be gripped by convictions around God's word and the gospel that would cause them to persevere for a lifetime of faithful ministry.
- Pray for a Director for Hope Training to take over from and work with Chris.

4. Grace Primary

- Praise God for wonderfully establishing the school over 10 years, including the Principal Duncan who is a preaching elder in his church, godly teachers, a thoroughly- developed curriculum, fit-for-purpose buildings, and a waiting list for several grades.
- Praise for the provision of a Chairman and additional part-time marketer allowing Chris and Sophie respectively to take a step back.
- Praise God for wonderful stories of growth in character and in the knowledge of God amongst our current children and alumni. Pray for continued sowing of the seed of God's word and formation of life-giving habits in the school children and for fruit from Hope Central's youth outreach to the school.

NEW LEADERS

General	Specifics
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Huge thanks for leaders' who have served this year For leaders to be growing in their life and their teaching (1 Timothy 4:16) For our love to increase for one another and for all more and more (1 Thessalonians 3:11–13) Leaders to lead in the welcoming of new people across the summer New associates and staff members getting stuck in Thanks for Nigel Styles' service in his last week as director of the Proclamation Trust this week, and the process of appointing a new director. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10am—'For the beginning of a Christianity Explored group that happens every week before our Bible studies' 10.30am—'Finding the right people to set up 5 new groups so we can have smaller groups in Central Focus.' 2pm/IGG—'Supporting a large number of new leaders, and for training to grow confidence, conviction and competence.' 4pm—'For some of those invited to lead to see the value of this ministry, and hence be willing to take on the time/people commitments' 6pm—'For a lunch on 7 July for a number of leaders to consider serving where there is great need elsewhere, and that the Lord would raise up people to replace them.' Students—'For those for whom it would be right, they would be ready to lead 'not under compulsion, but willingly' (1 Peter 5:2).'

SUMMER AT ST HELEN'S

¹ Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, ² looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

Hebrews 12:1–2 ESVUK

Summerlink

10 July	Hebrews 11:1–3: Creation	George Diwakar
17 July	Hebrews 11:4–6: Abel and Enoch	Abraham Sin
24 July	Commissioning service	
31 July	Hebrews 11:7: Noah	Jon Boon
7 August	Hebrews 11:8–22: Abraham and the Patriarchs	Alex Sachak
14 August	Hebrews 11:23–31: Moses and the Exodus	Jonathan Wolstenholme
21 August	Hebrews 11:32–40: For time would fail me...	Ralf Wenz
28 August	Hebrews 12:1–2: Jesus	Andrew Markham

Summer preaching

Meeting	Series	Speakers
10am & 10.30am	Ruth	Paul Williams
2pm	Mark 8–10	David T, Zhihao Y, John W, Henry ET
4pm & 6pm	Hebrews 13	Nick Heeley, George Diwakar, Gwilym Davies, Tim Sheppard, Aneirin Glyn

City Summer School: 19 July–2 August, Denesh Divyanathan on Matthew 13, Andy Gemmell on Ephesians

Summer camps: Orwell 3, Maidwell 3, LDN, Lymington Rushmore, Glod, Sparkford 2, InterAction, Lakeview, and many more!

Please also pray for:

- Staff and small group leaders to rest well physically, emotionally, and spiritually
- Families spending quality time in God's word and with each other over the school holidays
- New people arriving in London to find their way to St Helen's and be welcomed into our church family.

Please pray for: Jenny, Wendy, Sylvia, Graham, Ki-Ja, Anna, Phil.

Please clear your tables at the end of the meeting. Thank you

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