



### April - June 2008

- 1. Chris Pocock:** Chris is a NEXT volunteer who returns today after developing the Mekelle youth centre facilities in Ethiopia. Praise God for relationships formed by these volunteers with the young people and the opportunities to share the Lord Jesus with them.
- 2. Diocese of the Arctic:** Following 80 years of Crosslinks involvement in the Diocese of the Arctic, Jean Turner and Carol Charles, who are researching that history, will speak at an informal lunchtime event today at the Crosslinks London office. Pray that many will attend and be challenged in their own lives.
- 3. Chris and Lotta Strajnic:** Praise the Lord for their visit to Ireland and for the churches who are now in partnership with them. Praise the Lord for financial support that has also come in from churches and individuals. Pray that the Lord will continue to bless them through their brothers and sisters in Ireland.
- 4. Arthur Turner Training School:** Pray for the Arthur Turner Training School in Pangnirtung, which trains local people for ordained ministry in the diocese. Pray for the parish in Iqaluit as it continues to work toward rebuilding St. Jude's cathedral following a devastating fire.
- 5. Andy Lines:** Andy is preparing this week to speak at the New Word Alive conference 7-11 April. Pray that those who attend are challenged by God's Word especially with regard to mission and outreach.
- 6. Alan Purser:** Alan is visiting Nigeria and preaching today at the Chapel of Redemption Church, Abuja. He will be speaking at the annual conference of the Association of Nigerian University Chaplains from 7-11 April.

**7. Ambassador Programme:** Pray that the Lord might use the Ambassador Programme to be a blessing to the local churches in Northern Ireland. Pray that everyone involved might be thoroughly encouraged and equipped to better serve the church. Pray for Sam McGeown as he leads it.

**8. Crosslinks Supporters:** Please pray for efforts to serve current Crosslinks supporters and also for new people to be interested in mission. Pray that the information leaflets available at Spring Harvest are all taken and used well.

**9. Greg Venables:** Greg is the Presiding Bishop of the Province of the Southern Cone of America. His leadership of the Province is key as this includes regions linked theologically rather than geographically. Pray for him and the bishops he represents as they seek godly solutions to many difficult situations. Pray too for Greg's participation in the Global Anglican Future Conference in June, to which Crosslinks' General Secretary Andy Lines has also been invited.

**10. Tim Silk:** Pray for Tim as he leads the work North and South. Pray that the Lord might give him patience and wisdom for the many challenges that he faces. Pray that the Lord might continue to open up doors for Tim to minister in the Republic. Pray for God's continual blessing on Claire, Hope, Jade, Jonah and Fleur.

**11. Paulina Cox:** Paulina is a short-term project partner who is Chilean married to Andrew, an Australian. She works for Moore College in Latin America as a translator and helps administer the course. One aim of the project is to produce an increased amount of good biblical resource material in the form of External Studies courses from Moore College, as well as good books and resource materials that are enormously lacking in Latin America.

**12. Ethiopia:** Pray for the continued unrest in the North and West of Ethiopia. Pray that the unrest will not break into another open conflict with Eritrea. Pray also for preparation for the teams going to work with Karen Salmon this year from Ballinderry (July/August) and Knocknagoney (October).

**13. Tim Houghton and Rob Mullock:** Remember all those who are preaching God's Word around the world today, especially Tim and Rob from the Crosslinks staff, London. Pray for similar opportunities for them in the coming months.

**14. Selection Conference:** There are five candidates attending a selection conference, which starts today. Pray that through the interviews and presentations the interviewers have wisdom in assessing their future involvement with Crosslinks.

**15. Zimbabwe:** At the end of March Zimbabwe held presidential, parliamentary and local elections on the same day. As the losing party struggles to accept the result, pray that the country can break the crippling inflation figures and start to rebuild the economy.

**16. Lewisham College:** Each week the Lewisham College Christian Fellowship meet in the Crosslinks staff room for fellowship. Pray they may be encouraged in a challenging environment.

**17. Crosslinks Supporters:** Thank God for those who pray regularly for Crosslinks at their local meeting. Please remember the special event at the Chelmsford prayer meeting to be held on the 19<sup>th</sup> April.

**18. Myanmar:** The United Nations special envoy to Myanmar, Ibrahim Gambari, has held further meetings with officials from the military government in Yangon, despite their rejection of his reform proposals. Pray for protection for the vulnerable people of that country.

**19. The Plant:** The Plant, with Phil and Louise Keymer, and John and Flick Hindley, is a network of three churches in the university areas of Manchester and Salford, open to all who want to work out who Jesus Christ is and why he matters. Pray for them on Sunday and Monday as they resume their normal services.

**20. Sam McGeown:** Praise the Lord for the many opportunities Sam has had to visit parishes, rectors, prayer groups, speak at church and youth weekends, seminars, youth groups. Pray for more! Pray that Sam might be used by God to encourage and strengthen the local church in their commitment to God's mission. Pray for Yoriko who is expecting and for the children Rae, Megi and Nina.

**21. David and Jane Gibbs:** David and Jane at Grace Church Wanstead ask prayer for the right person to fill their apprentice position. Pray too for the 35 children of the church, that they would be nurtured in a godly way at home, in the services and at Sunday School.

**22. Hugo and Jenny Charteris:** Hugo and Jenny are Crosslinks Associates leading a church plant at Christ Church Heaton, which has moved from their home to meet in a local art gallery. Another associate, Tony Jones, leads Christ Church Durham. Pray that God's Word would be clearly heard in those communities and the Gospel spread.

**23. Crosslinks Standing Committee:** Over the past few months the Crosslinks Standing Committee (meeting today) has been acting as a steering

group of a full review which began last November. Having listened to supporters, staff and consultants, they are in the process of making important changes. Pray that the society can work more effectively in mission as a result.

**24. “Church on a Bus”:** This is for those who find the Sunday meetings at Christ Church Sheffield (led by Tim Davies) hard to access. Pray that they would come to understand and trust the Gospel, finding forgiveness in the cross of Jesus Christ and have their lives re-created through the work of the Holy Spirit.

**25. Andy Lines:** Andy is attending and leading four Bible Studies at the International Church Days Conference, Vaasa, Finland from 25-27 April; over 150 are expected to attend. Praise God that Mandy is able to accompany him on this visit.

**26. Committees and All Ireland Working Group:** Pray for the chairs and members of our four committees in the North West, Clogher, Down and Connor and Mid Ulster. Pray that the Lord might use them as a catalyst for Mission in their respective areas. Pray that the All Ireland Working Group has a solid understanding of the role of Crosslinks in the life of the church in Ireland, both North and South.

**27. Karen and Andrew Jefferys:** Please pray for Karen and Andrew speaking at St Simon and St Jude with All Souls at Southport. Pray that they would clearly share about the work of mission partner, Bridget Hathaway, and have safe travels.

**28. Dawn and Chris Styles:** Dawn and Chris work with the many overseas visitors to Hastings, teaching English and following up individual contacts. Pray that, in a country which has greater freedom to explore the truth, each of those they are in touch with will be challenged by the love of God and want to learn more.

**29. Sam Hopwood:** Sam has been working with Sena and Jane Ounate Lare in Togo for the past four months. Pray for him as he returns to England today and makes his past experience part of his UK life.

**30. Crosslinks Camps:** Please pray for those taking part in the Crosslinks Camps this summer. The dates for the camps are 28<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> July (Junior Camp) and 19<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> July (Senior Camp). Pray that many young people would be able to come to Camp and that necessary arrangements would be made for them to take part. Please also pray that leaders would be made available to serve our young people this year.

# May

**1. Jo Sayer:** Jo is the Mission Personnel Leader in London. She is in the first week of her visit to Tanzania; pray for safety in travelling around the country, for encouraging times as she meets church leaders and mission partners, and for a special time of meeting her friends and former colleagues at Msalato Theological College.

**2. Carol Derbyshire:** Carol at Msalato in Dodoma writes: “At college we welcomed a very small pre-diploma course. We have only six students so far, others couldn’t come because of family issues. Pray we can find some more students, otherwise the diploma intake in August is going to be very small.”

**3. Pamela Smyth:** Praise God for bringing us Pam. Pray for Pamela as she manages Ireland finances in sterling. Pray for her as she is busy most days on the computer and on the phone. She has a big and challenging job to do. Pray also for her husband Robert and children Hannah, Katie and Rachel.

**4. Jill Weymouth:** Pray for all those who are sharing about mission in churches today, including Jill in Weymouth. Pray that young people will see the excitement of being part of this work and become involved in praying and giving as well as considering whether they could also be going.

**5. Kagera Diocese:** Last month Kagera Diocese in Tanzania held its Diocesan Council meetings, attended by all pastors. Pray for them as they continue with their ministries affirmed and encouraged by the meetings. Pray for those affected by decisions which were made and for diocesan staff putting them into practice.

**6. Bridget Hathaway:** Bridget from Kagera writes: “I am lost for words when I see the immense generosity of so many people who are sharing in this work with us here. God has answered our prayers in abundance, so that we have enough now for the cost of driving the new Landcruiser up from Dar es Salaam. May God give you joy in your giving, and assurance that many people will benefit from your generosity. Give thanks to God for the generosity of his people who share with us in this ministry.”

**7. Finances:** Praise God for all the support that the Lord sends through you for His work through Crosslinks. Pray that we will be good stewards of what He has given us. Pray that we may never take giving for granted but use it always to bring greater glory to God. Pray that He will supply all our needs.

**8. Children’s ministry:** Because of a general lack of teaching materials in the

Diocese of Mara, the childrens' ministry co-ordinator is developing a programme of providing books for Sunday school classes as well as training for teachers. Pray that these resources will encourage many more to become involved in teaching, and that the children would gain a real understanding of the Lord Jesus and his love for them.

**9. New Workers for the harvest field:** Pray the Lord's Prayer from Matthew 9.38 that he will raise up more Mission Partners, SMILE and NEXT volunteers from Ireland.

**10. Bob and Jane Hurley:** After a term at language school, Bob and Jane have joined the teaching staff of Morogoro Bible College and look forward to becoming involved in teaching and church planting. During their course the students are sent out to an unchurched area and expected to plant a church. Praise God for the many new congregations that have grown up because of this practice.

**11. Training Seminar:** Kiteto Christian College in Tanzania recently hosted a major training seminar for the *Rooted in Jesus* course. At each of the two three-day seminars there were 75 existing leaders and slightly more potential leaders. In total 320 men or women had to be found food and a place to sleep. Praise God that through these leaders many more people will have the opportunity to become personally rooted in Christ.

**12. Godfrey and Rachel Tarling:** Godfrey and Rachel are preparing to leave Tanzania, "Pray that as we hand on the mantle we may do so in such a way that it is not so much a closure of all we have done and shared in with the Christians here, but rather an opening of new chapters both for those who stay to carry on the work and us as we seek the Lord's path for the next phase of our lives."

**13. Andy Lines:** Andy visits Northern Ireland today. Pray that he might be encouraged by his time here. Pray for wisdom for Andy as he seeks to lead Crosslinks. Pray for his wife Mandy and the children during these sometimes long periods of separation.

**14. Tanzania:** A Tanzanian bishop has made this plea: "We are appealing to you once again to pray for the people in rural areas. Please pray for us. I don't know the cause of the unpredictable rains - perhaps global warming. As you serve God in UK please do remember many people who are having a shortage of food".

**15. David Green:** Pray for David and others teaching at the Tabora Bible School as they prepare future church leaders. Pray that the students also gain

a standard of English which will give them access to resources currently unavailable in Swahili.

**16. Gambia Smile Team:** As the Smile team return from Gambia today they give thanks for the opportunity to set up a church Sunday school, for good Bible studies, seminars and Bible overview sessions and opportunities to become involved with other young people through sport.

**17. Uganda Smile Team:** As the Smile team return from Uganda today, they give thanks for prayer support from others, for good communication with their colleagues, team unity, opportunities for evangelism and RE teaching in schools and for real involvement with the street kids' work. Pray that God will help both the Gambia and Uganda teams to carry forward all they have learned during these months.

**18. Gospel Proclamation:** While we praise God for the long Christian history of the countries of North Africa, growth in the numbers of believers is slow. Pray for opportunities to share the Gospel through visitors and the media.

**19. Tim and Gertrude Wambunya:** Praise the Lord for keeping the Wambunyas safe over the last few months. Pray for the students and staff at Carlile College who have been displaced. Pray that Kenya might find real lasting peace through the Lord Jesus Christ. Pray for a solution to the political and tribal unrest.

**20. Peter and Jackie Cottingham:** Peter and Jackie are visiting projects supported through Crosslinks. Pray for the travel arrangements to work well and for them to be an encouragement to those they visit.

**21. Crosslinks General Council:** In London letters are going out today to Crosslinks members asking for nominations for the General Council. The trustees have legal obligations in the way the charity is run, so pray for the right names to come forward at this time.

**22. Crosslinks:** Pray that the Lord will continue to use Crosslinks to help mobilize the church locally and globally.

**23. Donald Mtetemela:** As Donald returns to being a diocesan bishop in Tanzania, pray that this will give him a rest from national and international commitments and enable him to concentrate fully on Ruaha. Praise God that he will have greater time together with his family.

**24. Richardson Family:** After a long period in the UK, Fiona Richardson's long-standing condition was diagnosed and she has reacted well to its treat-

ment. In March the family returned and Philip is now back teaching at the Amani Bible College, Tanzania. Please pray for young Bethany to settle in well and to pick up her Swahili again.

**25. Rt Revd Dr Valentino Mokiwa:** Rt Revd Dr Valentino Mokiwa, Bishop of Dar es Salaam is being installed today as Archbishop of the Anglican Church of Tanzania. Pray that he will oversee the Church with godliness and truth.

**26. Youth Material:** The resource material produced by Fiona Richardson and the youth department in the Diocese of Ruaha has been made more widely available. Since there are no similar resources, pray that it will stimulate youth ministry nationally and be an encouragement in the development of young people within the Church.

**27. Training Pastors:** For some years Crosslinks has been assisting with the training of pastors from the Diocese of Ruvuma at the Amani Bible College, Tanzania; pray for those who have completed their studies to share the Word of God clearly and be an encouragement to others who want to learn more, at whatever level.

**28. Zimbabwe:** Robert Mugabe has admitted for the first time that famine exists in Zimbabwe. "There is hunger in the country and a shortage of food," Pray that those in government can make a priority of the basic needs of the people, whatever the cost to them personally.

**29. Preaching of the Gospel in France:** According to one poll last year 51% of the population was identified as Catholic and 31% as agnostic or atheist, 4% as Muslim, and just 3% as Protestant. Pray for the churches to preach the biblical Gospel and to share the news of the redeeming love of Jesus Christ.

**30. Andy and Uta Buckler:** Andy and Uta in Mantes La Jolie, France praise God that as a result of very generous gifts the church was been able to construct and begin to use the new building, and look forward to fitting the kitchen area this year. "It feels like the project has given the church a fresh dynamic in its spiritual life: church services on a Sunday are fuller than ever, and we sense real joy as people come together to worship."

**31. Celia Evenson:** Edward and Laura Nelson write that Celia has joined the church staff team as a part-time women's worker. She is very able and has got off to a great start. Do pray for the team to work well together. It is rare in France for a church to have staff other than a pastor, so it is a challenge for people even to grasp what she's doing. Pray for the members to value her ministry and grow through it.

# June

**1. Faithful Crosslinks Supporters:** Praise the Lord for the faithful supporters of Crosslinks in Ireland. Pray that the Lord might encourage supporters and help them grow in the knowledge and love of our Lord Jesus Christ. Pray for a solid commitment to God's word and God's priorities across Ireland.

**2. Bishop Andrew Atagotaaluk:** Pray for Bishop Andrew Atagotaaluk of the Diocese of the Arctic and for the Regional Bishops Larry Robertson and Ben Arreak. Pray for the people, lay leaders and clergy of the diocese. Remember the work of the Synod office staff in Yellowknife and the translation team.

**3. Serbia:** Praise God for the love that He has for Serbia. Pray for a solution to be found for the situation in Kosovo. Praise God for the Serbian Northern Ireland Christian Network. Pray that God might use their prayers to do a mighty work in Serbia.

**4. Gonzalo Alvarez:** Gonzalo is a Chilean based in the UK. As a short-term project partner, he is co-ordinating Moore College correspondence courses for Cuban church leaders through Cuba para Cristo (Cuba for Christ). It aims to support Cuban churches by funding pastors, arranging Bible teaching conferences, providing books and other resources and translating and publishing Christian literature.

**5. Karen Salmon in Ethiopia:** Pray for Karen as she leads a very busy life. Pray for her work at the Youth Centre, the prison, with peer education training, girls' Bible studies and rural village schools. Pray for her safety and for many more chances to share God's word with others.

**6. David and Rachel Williams:** Please remember David, Rachel and their family who have now moved from Kenya to Australia. Though still a Crosslinks Associate, David is the CMS Australia's Development and Training Secretary with a role in helping to develop strategy for the organisation. Adjustment for all the family will take time.

**7: Centres of Hope:** Praise God for opportunities to work with disabled children and their parents. Pray that parents can learn the skills which will help their children to increase their abilities and life skills as well as having the chance to learn about complete healing through Christ. Pray that similar centres can be established to bring hope to other areas.

**8. Simon and Rachel Dowdy:** Simon and Rachel give thanks for the team at Grace Church Dulwich. Judy Lawrence, from Sydney, is the new women's

worker and Mark Jackson is assistant minister. Pray that those who attend Grace Church would not only hear the Word of God, but also accept it for themselves.

**9. North Africa:** Please pray for safety for church leaders, for courage when needed and for wisdom to know how best to build up their congregations. Remember those in North Africa and elsewhere where people have been imprisoned for their faith.

**10. Projects:** Pray that God will continue to provide us with all the resources we need to support our selected projects for this year: the Youth Centre in Gambia, Timothy Mazimpaka (FOCUS-Kenya), Gonzalo Alveraz (Cuba) and the Alexandra School of Theology.

**11. Kola and Ada Ajomale:** Kola and Ada praise God for blessing the work in the Bluecoats School, Walsall where more pupils are taking an active part in the Christian Union. While the Discipleship Class is growing, pray for the CYFA group to show a similar increase in numbers.

**12. Johanne:** Thank God for the various people who will be staying with Johanne during the spring. Pray for opportunities for her to share in depth about her faith with friends, neighbours, association members and girls at work.

**13. Theology Studies:** St John's University in Dodoma, established by the Anglican church of Tanzania has a School of Theology and Religious Studies. With Msalato Theological College so close, pray that the two will develop different strengths and work together to produce a solid foundation for church leadership.

**14. SMILE Volunteers:** Michael Hendron and Kenny Clements leave today for two months to work in Mekelle with Karen Salmon. Pray for their safe travel and pray that they may be a help to the Youth Centre. Pray that they will also be a good witness to the young Ethiopians.

**15. Surya Kumar and Jaipal Singh:** are BEST study partners studying at Chandigarh Bible College in India. Pray that the Lord might continue to bless their study and prepare them for their future ministry. Pray for churches and individuals to catch the vision to help provide bursaries in order to train future church leaders.

**16. Reeve Family:** Pray for Crosslinks Mission Partners Richard and Bianca Reeve who have three children: Myles, Anabel and Oscar. Pray for wisdom and guidance concerning their future plans and decisions.

**17. Crosslinks General Council:** Please pray for decisions that need to be made over the next few months. Pray that the General Council will have the wisdom and the courage to make some tough decisions. Praise God for the commitment and contribution of the Rev Bryan Kerr to the Council.

**18. Hazel Coulter:** Praise the Lord for Hazel and her passion and commitment to Mission. Pray for Hazel as she looks after the day to day running of the Dublin office. Pray also for Eddie, David, Andrew and Anna.

**19. Volunteers:** Praise the Lord for volunteers that he has given us. Pray for more volunteers to give their time and energy so that we can be more efficient and also free up money for God's Mission.

**20. Steve and Irene-Maria Campbell:** Thank God that Steve and Irene-Maria were able to have two weeks at home. Praise the Lord for their work in Spain and for the way that the Lord is blessing their ministry at the International Church. Pray that they might be sensitive to the Lord's leading as they seek his guidance as to what to do at the end of the year.

**21. Valerie Ellis:** Praise God for the efficient way that Val works around the Belfast Office. Pray for her as she is very busy in her role as Communications and Events Coordinator. Pray for good and clear communication between Crosslinks and churches. Pray that the office might be productive in all that it does.

**22. Gospel Work:** Praise God that in the recent budget help was given to charities to continue claiming Gift Aid at last year's level even though the personal income tax rate has gone down, and praise Him for all those who make use of this way of increasing their giving.

**23. St Luke's Health Centre:** As an interim measure to cover the period between the Tarlings' departure and the return of Dr Lugwisha who completes his Assistant Medical Officer's Qualification in October 2008, there is the possibility of borrowing a doctor from Kilimatinde Anglican Hospital. But St Luke's Health Centre runs on a not-for-profit basis so it hasn't the means to cover the extra costs. Pray for clear guidance in this matter.

**24. Jo and Matthew:** Praise the Lord for the many opportunities that Matthew and Jo have to share their faith in Asia. Pray for Jo as she reaches out to prostitutes. Pray also for Matthew as he builds closer relationships with those around him. Pray for their language studies.

**25. Diocese of Mara:** The Diocese of Mara in Tanzania still has large areas to be reached with the Gospel, particularly southern and northern parts. They

need both human resources and financial resources, because there are very traditional communities of whom many are still embracing African traditional religions and Islam is also growing at a high pace. With a grant from Crosslinks the Evangelism Co-ordinator will carry out two rural missions and two workshops training people for evangelism. Pray that this will have wide-reaching effects.

**26. Dudley Mageni:** After many years as Bishop of Morogoro, Dudley will be retiring in November and we thank God for his faithful service. Please pray for the right person to replace him and for an election process that honours God.

**27. Heeb Family:** Jonathan and Jessica are Crosslinks Mission Partners in Finland. They have two children: Jean-Paul and Nathan. Pray for Jonathan as he teaches God's Word at the International Evangelical Church in Helsinki. Pray for Jessica as she balances involvement in music ministry and family life. Pray that the children will be able to speak and understand the local language.

**28. Crosslinks Camps:** Junior Camp starts today until 5<sup>th</sup> July. Please pray that the truth of God's Word would take root and be fruitful in young lives that in time to come God would raise up another generation of Jesus centred leaders worldwide.

**29. Henry and Dinah Shaheen:** Henry and Dinah are working amongst the Assyrian people in West London. Many have families who are exposed to threats, terror and violence in other countries. Pray that God will give them the comfort and help they need as they give support over the miles.

**30. Crosslinks:** Pray that Crosslinks might continue to play its part in helping local churches make Jesus Christ internationally famous.

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