

# Servants Prayer Points

January 2016

## **CAMBODIA TEAM:**

We are thankful for answered prayers - Justees has a new manager and CODO has a new director – giving Dave and Ruth some new people to work alongside. Justees has installed a solar power system as a way of us trialing the technology available here- pray this opens conversations about environmental care and also helps us look further at useful initiatives for our community.

Pray for Naomi S who starts interning with us for a month from 23rd Jan.

Pray for our friends as they look at starting a new preschool in our community.

We're very thankful for some close friends who came to visit us over Christmas and the community of friends (khmer and expat) with whom we could celebrate Ruth's 40th last weekend.

Pray for TASK, which still exists in a struggling form – that the staff and board can agree on their future plans and they can find an appropriate way to serve the poor in their community. Pray for wisdom as Ruth attends their board meeting this month.

Pray for healing for Joshie's school teacher Elizabeth who's currently in Philippines recovering from a moto accident she had here late November. Please keep praying for protection for Roon and her family as they face ongoing intimidation and injustice in their village.

## **SOUTHALL TEAM:**

Please pray for our team as we reflect further on our future, following a quiet day with Lois on 21st January.

St Johns Church is hosting a night shelter for the homeless on two nights a week until the end of March, alongside other local churches. Please pray for the safety and well-being of all involved and that this will be a life-changing experience for guests, some of whom are in desperate situations.

We look forward to welcoming Patrick from Switzerland as an intern at the beginning of March. Please pray for him as he prepares to join us and for us as we prepare a programme for him. Pray too for all who are beginning to plan for orientation, scheduled to take place in Southall in April.

Please pray for S and P and other friends from our extended community who have been experiencing serious health problems recently; either physical or emotional, or both.

Idina requests prayer as she prepares for her ordination selection conference on 29th Feb. Rachel would appreciate prayer for an interfaith women's pastoral care project she's involved in in Feb, and ongoing guidance about her future as her job comes to an end in April.

## **SERVANTS AUSTRALIA:**

Please pray for Ralph and his team together with the Management team as they commence the year. Please continue to pray for new field workers.

**SERVANTS NEW ZEALAND:****Paul writes about the L family:**

(After a long stay at hospital with premature twins, one with serious complications ...)

Tim and Jess have successfully moved next door to their former house in our neighbourhood and are doing ok away from hospital, though there are still daily challenges that push them to the limit, River is doing better it seems at home.

**MANILA TEAM:**

Rachel and the C family have all arrived back in Manila in the first week of January. We had a great team-reunion the following Sunday. We are all very excited to be a full team again - and there is a sense of a new season in the air.

February 1-5 the Manila and J team will meet for mutual support and encouragement. Irene (a Servants Elder) will also be with us there, facilitating some reflective sessions and providing pastoral care. Please pray for a meaningful time.

**David and Maria, with Toby and Dylan:**

We have just arrived back from NZ and are very thankful for the home leave we had over the last four months. As we have caught up with community friends we are thankful for how many are in good health and that they survived another wet season.

Please pray for Toby and Dylan as they transition and deal with heat and food and all the people who want to say hello to them.

**Kathrin:**

The last month was filled with many Christmas Parties, I enjoyed the different fellowships and the time of bonding and thanksgiving for the many blessings in the past year. At the moment as a BOT member I'm helping another NGO to fulfil their legal requirements. Pray for wisdom and love. In the following months we as a complete team again need to decide on many structural changes. Please pray for mutual understanding, care and grace.

**Rachel:**

I arrived well and am adjusting back, realizing how challenging life here is. Lilok and the farm community are in good shape. I am now finding my feet again with old and new tasks, such as with the Servants team. I just did a gentle but painful back injury. I am getting good treatment, but may I recover fast. Please pray also for the upcoming regional gathering to be meaningful, may it be a time for people to grow closer to each other and to God. Please pray for refreshment and fresh equipping to function well as teams and in our respective contexts.

**Daniel and Lynette, with Abiah, Jael, Aiza and Joven:**

We had a good break in the province with Lynette's family that everyone enjoyed. Now the kids are back to school, and we started a bit slower into this year, which has been good so far. Lynette is feeling better now with only occasional headaches.

**L-TEAM:**

Pray for the L-team as we discern areas of investment for the future, whether this should lead us outside this city or into any other new major involvements. Pray for peace also within what we are doing currently, to invest fully with open hands.

**Y TEAM:**

We are taking a sabbatical time for an unknown period. R is in California recovering with some health issues. C is back in NZ, discerning next steps for her. M will soon be going to NZ and then Vancouver/Canada and is discerning a potential marriage. We are hopeful and uncertain about the future and know that if Y team is going to re-convene we will need 4 people to be on the team. Thanks for your on-going prayers!

**J-TEAM:**

The new year has involved transitioning away from language school, and in to this community. Give thanks for the help I received in making this decision and getting a new visa.

Please pray as I try to settle in to life here: primarily for ability to build positive relationships with people I meet. To meet someone who stands out as a potential language tutor. To find a good place to live, a place which could be sustainable for a while - I'm ready to stop moving around. Pray for a stronger sense of Jesus beside me as I walk through the day - rather, may I be beside him.

**K TEAM:**

- both M and C were able to participate in a week long NVC convention along with a couple people from the Shomota office. Now to the diligence of practising it regularly!

Prayer for B and N back in the US as they continue coordinating the details needed to come join us and for discernment in that process.

**RE-IMAGINE INTERNSHIP**

**(India, July 14 – August 13)**

- pray for the several people in US, New Zealand & Australia who are currently considering joining Re-Imagine, that they may make good decisions before God, whether to join;
- Pray too for the people who came across Servants at Urbana, to take the next step of Re-Imagine, should that be best for them;

Pray for a minimum of 6 (and up to 12) participants, to make this a solid group.

**INTERNATIONAL CO-ORDINATING TEAM:**

**Daniel:**

- During the past few weeks ICT has been mulling over the current situation of very small teams across Servants (30 people spread over 8 teams) and only a few prospective people in the pipeline of joining. We are working on coming up with some concrete process forward to address the robustness and sustainability of our teams.
- Preparations for the orientation course on April 3-16 in Southall are running. Please pray for a good group of orientees – it seems we will have a small number of participants.

**Cathy:**

- I have just started **part-time paid work**, to supplement our income while we're in Australia

– please pray for me to be able to manage my time well between local community involvement, paid work, and Servants ICT work

- Please pray that we (all in Servants) will be **attentive and open as we listen to God**, and will have courage and wisdom as we act on whatever we hear.

### David

- I am thankful for a great experience at Urbana, and to Jo, Jason, Anna, Efren, and Michele for their help in manning the booth and spreading the word. I am also thankful for a great time of getting together with the other New Friar organizations (WMF, Innerchange, Servant Partners, and the Global Urban Trek) directly following Urbana. Continue to pray for the North America team as we follow up with interested people, and that we can point them in the right direction.
- Michele and I recently moved into a new neighborhood. It's been great getting to know our neighbors and opening up our home together. Recently we've gotten plenty of snow, so there's been plenty of opportunity to chat with neighbors as we all shovel our sidewalks! Pray for deeper connections as our eyes are opened up to how Jesus is moving around us.

### FRIENDS OF SERVANTS:

#### **Sal and Gregg, with Toby, Aedan and Annie (recently in Bolivia)**

We are home!! We have just arrived and are in the process of sorting and organising and what not to start our new life here in NZ. We will head to Turangi this week to try and sort out a house to rent and will slowly gather furniture etc we need.

Please do pray for us as we re-adjust back to life in New Zealand especially for the children as they begin at Tongariro school. The boys have a TCK (third culture kid) camp on the 22-24th Jan and then we have a debrief week 24th-29th Jan.

Please pray for God's guidance and provision as we seek work and a house and all that!

Thanks SO much for your prayers over these years, we so appreciate the huge support that has been.

#### **Craig and Nay, with Jayden & Micah, in Cambodia with Alongsiders**

Always appreciate and thankful for prayers!!

Praise: We are thankful and don't take for granted open doors for Alongsiders in many other countries. So exciting seeing how God is moving people and giving Alongsiders favour to get into churches and lives of young people

As always we are thankful for generally good health!!! Both Micah and Jayden are thriving! Both entering teenage/tweenage years. Also a prayer point for us as parents!

Pray: Craig as he travels more although this is easier now to handle. Pray for safety, health, energy, resilience and most of God's spirit to lead him as he shares with leaders.

After a year of home-schooling Jayden will go back to high school at the mission school come January 5th. I will take on a part time teaching position there too. Pray for us as a family as we adjust to changes and demanding schedules.

### THANKS FOR PRAYING WITH US