



BMS Prayer Guide 2020

Pray with BMS World Mission from **May to August**



The information in this Prayer Guide is correct at the time of printing. However, we recognise that things are changing every day due to the Coronavirus pandemic, so some of the information may have since changed. Please visit the BMS World Mission Facebook page for updated prayers every week.

Welcome

to the second issue of the 2020 BMS World Mission Prayer Guide.

A meditation on prayer

Now more than ever, we are aware of the need for prayerful engagement from our supporters before anything of worth can be attempted for God. In the face of the global Covid-19 Coronavirus pandemic, many of us are feeling uncertain and afraid. During these difficult times, we encourage you to turn to prayer as a vital source of help in the global fight against the Coronavirus. We are very grateful to God that you are committed to praying with us and for us – because we know that your prayers are being answered.

This year, we have seen a robust witness to Christ grow within the secularism of France and the pluralism of India. We've upheld people offering opportunity to people with disabilities in Thailand and Nepal. After several years of praying for an overstretched

team in Chad, we are now sending six new mission workers to Guinebor II mission hospital. We can rejoice in answered prayer here. And we can also commit ourselves to praying for the worldwide Coronavirus response, for God's protection over vulnerable people, and for his healing love to be experienced by all those in need.

Pause over these pages. Pray for these people. We are participating in what God is doing, in God's world.

Every blessing,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Mark Ord'.

Mark Ord
Director for Mission
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Photo:
Thanks to your support, Venezuelan refugees are getting the help they need.

Front and back cover photos:
The effects of your prayers and support can be seen across the world. Your support is helping to provide preschool teachers with training in Bangladesh, giving young children there a better future.

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In answer to your prayers, more people in Thailand are experiencing Jesus' love in Buddhist majority contexts.

Thailand

26 April to 2 May

In Thailand, BMS World Mission has served among trafficked people in Bangkok and now aims to support the marginalised in an exciting mission business development in Chiang Mai. BMS partner Hope Home also offers residential and respite care for children with disabilities, while other BMS workers in Thailand are living incarnationally in Buddhist communities.

SUNDAY 26

Please pray for BMS mission workers Paul and Sarah Brown working with New Life Centre Foundation (NLCF). Pray for success in helping northern tribal people in the struggle for an exploitation-free society, and success in advocating for survivors of sexual abuse, so they are treated with dignity.

MONDAY 27

Please pray for BMS partner, Church of Christ in Thailand AIDS Ministry, that it might discover innovative ways to keep the Church, schools and communities aware of (and motivated to support people living with) HIV and Aids.

TUESDAY 28

Please pray for wisdom for BMS church planters Helen and Wit Boondeekhun in Wang Daeng village, northern Thailand. Pray that as relationships are built, many people would give their lives to Jesus.

WEDNESDAY 29

Please pray for Bee at NLCF, the first Thai Director from the Karen tribal group. Pray that she will have confidence in the gifts and skills that God has given her to sustain NLCF.

THURSDAY 30

Give thanks that, in answer to prayer, a seedling church has been planted in the remote village of Wang Daeng. Pray for new believers to grow in faith and become true disciples of Christ.

FRIDAY 1



Praise God that more Hope Home children have been accepted into schools. Please pray for BMS legal worker **Judy Cook** as she seeks to access rights for these children.

SATURDAY 2

Please pray for Paul and Sarah Brown to build good community relationships as they set up a bakery that combines mission work and business in Chiang Mai.



BMS-supported Guinebor II hospital in Chad provides healthcare to more than 19,000 patients a year.

Health

3-9 May

Health ministries across the world have never been so crucial as they are now. We are committed to joining the global response to the Covid-19 Coronavirus, and prayer plays an essential part in that. Please pray for the Baptist response to this crisis, as well as for the other BMS World Mission health ministries across the world.

SUNDAY 3

Pray for the staff at BMS-supported Guinebor II hospital (G2) in Chad. They are conducting crucial temperature screening to identify symptoms of the Coronavirus so that patients can get the care that they need. Pray for protection over the staff, that they will be able to continue this vital work.

MONDAY 4

Pray for the BMS-supported project in Afghanistan providing mental health support to people, including medical workers, experiencing anxiety and stress due to the Coronavirus. Pray that this project will benefit many people in this nation that has already experienced so much pain.

TUESDAY 5

Your support is providing protective equipment for hospital staff in Nepal. Pray for protection over medical workers who are risking their lives to fight the Coronavirus in Nepal, and across the world. Pray for protection especially in places where medical equipment is scarce.

WEDNESDAY 6



Pray for the safety and wellbeing of BMS workers **Andrea and Mark Hotchkin** who are helping co-ordinate a Coronavirus response in the remote town of Bardai in Northern Chad.

THURSDAY 7

Your support is providing food parcels for at-risk families across Sri Lanka. Pray for the Lord's protection over these families, as well as other vulnerable people across the world at this time.

FRIDAY 8

Pray for medical workers in the UK risking their own health to treat those with the Coronavirus. Pray that God would protect them and that their efforts will bear much fruit.

SATURDAY 9

Pray for *Operation: Chad*, our 2020 Harvest appeal which features G2 hospital. Please pray that it would be shown widely and inspire many to give generously.

Tear off here to put a page of prayer in your Bible, on your fridge, church noticeboard or anywhere else!



Last year, the Baptist Union of Scotland celebrated their 150th anniversary in style at the Baptist Assembly in Scotland.

UK Baptist family

10-16 May

Both the Baptist Assembly in Bournemouth and the Baptist Assembly in Wales have been postponed. We're sorry to miss these opportunities for the UK Baptist family to gather in fellowship, and we are praying for all Baptist churches across the UK who are now sharing fellowship online.

SUNDAY 10

Pray for all the Baptist churches who have been meeting remotely. Pray that they are still able to worship, pray and share fellowship together, despite not being able to see one another in person. Ask the Lord to bless all those working behind the scenes to make services like these possible.

MONDAY 11

Pray for churches across the UK who have had BMS Speaker engagements cancelled. Pray that their passion for mission will not diminish, and that creative resource sharing will be developed so they can still be inspired by BMS Speakers in their online services.

TUESDAY 12

Pray for the teams putting together the Baptist assemblies in both Bournemouth and Wales. Pray that their hard work and dedication will not be wasted and that they might find an opportunity for the UK Baptist family to meet together later in the year.

WEDNESDAY 13

Praise God for our churches and congregations across the UK, many of whom are struggling during these uncertain times. Pray for strength and peace in the hearts UK Christians.

THURSDAY 14

Remember the Baptist Unions in England, Scotland and Wales. Pray that they will be able to support Baptist churches across the UK during these difficult times.

FRIDAY 15

Please pray for all students who are undertaking online learning as Baptist training colleges across the country have closed due to the Coronavirus pandemic. Pray that God will protect them and that they will complete their studies with minimal disruption.

SATURDAY 16

Pray for future opportunities for the Baptist family to meet together in the future. Pray that they will be joyful occasions.



Fun Christmas celebrations with last year's BMS Action Team in Mozambique.

Teams

17-23 May

BMS World Mission is passionate about seeing lives transformed across the world. Key to this is providing opportunities for people to open their eyes to its needs, and their hearts to our Saviour. BMS Insight Teams, short-term trips, and BMS Action Teams, our gap year programme for 18-23-year-olds, provide engaging ways to do just that. Pray that these teams will be inspired and used by God.

SUNDAY 17

Give thanks for all the dedicated young people who commit to serving God through BMS Action Teams. Pray for the recruitment process of the 2020/21 cohort, that it will go smoothly and that servant-hearted young people will be called to step out in faith on their gap year.

MONDAY 18

Pray for the 2019/20 cohort of Action Teamers who were unable to go on their UK tour due to the Coronavirus pandemic. Pray that despite this they will remain inspired and encouraged, and find new ways to share their experiences of God's work overseas.

TUESDAY 19

Give thanks for the sending churches, families and friends of the BMS Action Team participants, and for how they have encouraged these young people to step out in faith. Pray that they would also be encouraged to engage in mission.

WEDNESDAY 20

Ask God to bless those who have supported the Action Teams this year in France, India, Kosovo, Nepal, Mozambique and Peru. May they see fruit grow in the lives of those they have invested in.

THURSDAY 21

Pray for those who are considering participating in BMS Insight Teams this year. May their eyes be opened to what God is doing across the world and may they be encouraged to play their part.

FRIDAY 22

Ask God to be with those who have returned from BMS Insight Team trips, as they share all that they have seen, learned and discovered with their churches.

SATURDAY 23

Give thanks for those who supervise the BMS Insight Teams overseas. Pray that they would feel satisfaction in being used by God.

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As well as living in one of the poorest countries in the world, people in Guinea face the threat of civil unrest. Pray that Guineans would know God's love.

Guinea

24-30 May

Although Guinea is rich in mineral reserves, has fertile soil and receives ample rainfall, it's one of the poorest countries in the world. More than half of the population live on less than £1 a day. BMS World Mission works with local organisations there to improve quality of life, both in the socio-economic and spiritual realms.

SUNDAY 24

BMS workers Caroline* and Victor* had to leave Guinea back in March due to civil unrest in the country and the Coronavirus pandemic. Pray that the work they've left behind in Guinea will be in God's hands.

MONDAY 25

Caroline and Victor run micro-enterprise programmes and an eye clinic. Praise God for small businesses making a difference for families, and the simple gift of spectacles bringing people sight. Ask God that this work will continue to bear fruit.

TUESDAY 26

In Guinea, 60 per cent of young people are unemployed. Victor invests time in training young people in a variety of professional skills, which prepares them for employment. Pray that his students will grow in spiritual character and professional ability.

**Names changed.*

WEDNESDAY 27

Caroline provides home physiotherapy for people with injuries or disabilities. Pray for breakthroughs in people's mobility and growth in their self-esteem.

THURSDAY 28

BMS supports other workers in Guinea, who lead student and sports groups. Pray for the establishment of the local university support centre, and the continuation of the youth football team set up by previous BMS workers.

FRIDAY 29

Lift the nation of Guinea up to the Lord. Pray that Guineans might know God's love, and also for the expansion of his kingdom in this marginalised area of sub-Saharan Africa.

SATURDAY 30

In answer to your prayers for new BMS colleagues, we are now in conversation with some people about the possibility of serving in Guinea. Please continue to pray for the building of the team.



Deep within the Amazon region, BMS mission worker Laura-Lee Lovering works with pastors and church planters who are discipling people in remote areas of Peru.

Leadership

31 May to 6 June

We are experiencing a crisis of leadership throughout the world, but BMS World Mission believes the Church is best placed to make a difference. Working through local churches and institutions, we are supporting biblical leadership through education and training in places like Peru, India and Thailand. Pray with us this week for leadership training.

☐ SUNDAY 31

The International Baptist Theological Study Centre in Amsterdam equips leaders for mission across the European Baptist Federation and beyond. Pray for the new learning network BMS supports, aiming to serve leaders by providing accessible theological education.

☐ MONDAY 1

BMS partner the Arab Baptist Theological Seminary in Lebanon plays a crucial role in training leaders. Pray for students now finishing their studies online, that they will still be inspired to lead in God's name.

☐ TUESDAY 2

BMS partner Bethlehem Bible College will host its "Christ at the Checkpoint" conference this week, where attendees will discuss how to follow Christ in times of conflict. Pray that this event will encourage and inspire leaders working for peace and justice in Israel-Palestine.

☐ WEDNESDAY 3



BMS worker **Daniel Clark** teaches at the Lima Baptist Seminary in Peru. Pray that he and his colleagues will see missional leaders emerging from the Peruvian Baptist Church.

☐ THURSDAY 4

Thank God for the thousands of lives that have been transformed by the discipleship projects BMS supports around the world.

☐ FRIDAY 5

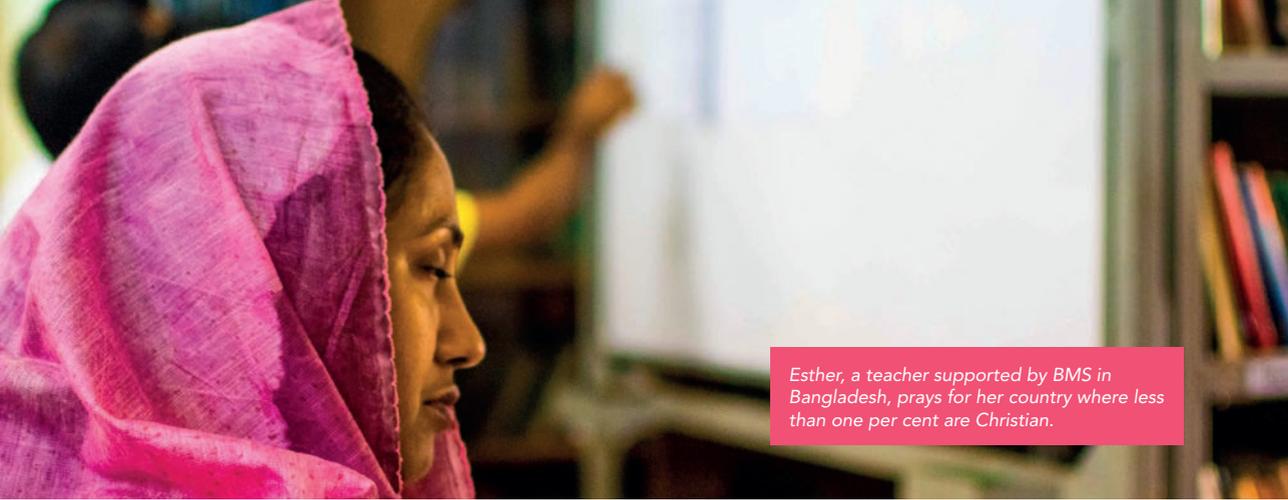


BMS worker **Laura-Lee Lovering** serves alongside church leaders in Peru. Please pray for these leaders as they disciple those in remote communities.

☐ SATURDAY 6

BMS partner the Nepal Bible College is under new leadership. Please pray for a smooth transition and for gifted leaders to emerge.

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Esther, a teacher supported by BMS in Bangladesh, prays for her country where less than one per cent are Christian.

Least evangelised

7-13 June

Over two billion people live in the least evangelised communities in the world. Through mission workers and partners, BMS World Mission aims to bring the good news of Christ to those who have never known of his love. This week please pray for some of the least evangelised places where BMS works.

☐ SUNDAY 7

Give thanks to God for BMS evangelist, Simon*, who plants churches in rural Bangladesh. Some of the villages where he preaches are so remote, they can only be accessed by bicycle. Pray that he will have the right transport to reach these isolated places.

☐ MONDAY 8

Give thanks for BMS worker Rory* and his family who have devoted their lives and abilities to help build healthy communities in Afghanistan. Pray for God's protection and guidance in building relationships with the hope of sharing Christ's love.

☐ TUESDAY 9

Praise God for the growth of BMS partner organisation the Thai Karen Baptist Convention (TKBC). Pray they would find innovative ways to present the gospel as part of their vibrant youth ministry for those vulnerable to trafficking.

*Names changed.

☐ WEDNESDAY 10

Give thanks for the TKBC women's ministry, led by Naw Wah, who's supported by BMS. Pray for peace, as she leads a gospel campaign to bring life and hope to women in Thailand.

☐ THURSDAY 11

Oni is supported by BMS in India. By God's grace, he's trained 500 church planters. Pray that God will open the doors for others to hear the gospel.

☐ FRIDAY 12

Give thanks for the Action Team in France and for the difference they made. Pray that the community they served in will continue to see the fruit of this work.

☐ SATURDAY 13



In Nepal, BMS worker **Annie Brown** leads a Bible study helping people explore what it means to follow Jesus. Pray people encounter Christ through her hospitality and sharing of God's Word.

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Through clean water projects, teaching safe birth-practices and much more, BMS' partner in Afghanistan works to provide people with abundant life.

Afghanistan

14-20 June

Afghanistan is one of the poorest and most fragile states in which BMS World Mission operates. Earlier this year, BMS workers serving here had to leave the country due to the Coronavirus pandemic. Pray that the work they have dedicated their lives to will continue in their absence and will be blessed by the Lord.

☐ SUNDAY 14

Pray for the identification and recruitment of a new Executive Director for our partner organisation in Afghanistan. Thank God for the work of previous Director, BMS worker Rory*, and his wife Catherine*, who have been steadfast and persistent in carrying out God's work in Afghanistan for 15 years.

☐ MONDAY 15

Pray for discernment as our partner organisation recruits local community health facilitators for their maternal health project, a difficult task due to so few having access to education. Pray that women who can read and write would be willing to serve in this position.

☐ TUESDAY 16

Pray for support and endurance for the health facilitators who deliver training sessions in their local communities as they teach life-saving birthing practices.

**Names changed.*

☐ WEDNESDAY 17

Pray for BMS workers Brendan* and Isobel* who are moving to Afghanistan in the coming months. Brendan will become our partner's Finance Director and Isobel will be working with their community programmes.

☐ THURSDAY 18

BMS health consultant Tim* has been taking on finance responsibilities at our partner organisation. Pray that God gives him energy and encouragement to balance both roles.

☐ FRIDAY 19

Pray for the water, health and sanitation project run by our partner, offering clean water to disadvantaged communities. Pray also for the success of basic sanitation training.

☐ SATURDAY 20

Give thanks for all the BMS workers who serve in Afghanistan. Pray that God will continue to inspire them in their crucial work.

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Cast your cares on the Lord and he will sustain you; he will never let the righteous be shaken.

Psalm 55: 22



Tunisia

21-27 June

In Tunisia, as the academic year draws to a close, temperatures will be rising, and working hours will be adjusted to allow people to cope better with the heat. For BMS World Mission workers and partners who are empowering the vulnerable and marginalised, summertime provides a great opportunity to deepen these relationships. Pray that BMS workers would be salt and light.

☐ SUNDAY 21

Pray for BMS worker Naama* in the north of the country. Pray for wisdom as she manages a new project and for spiritual strength. Pray that she may be an encouragement to isolated believers in this difficult region.

☐ MONDAY 22

The leadership team of a key partner is facing significant change this month, following a new outreach strategy which looks beyond Tunisia's borders. Pray for peace and stability for BMS worker Sophie*, and the team at head office as they guide the organisation.

☐ TUESDAY 23

Praise God for Grace* and Taieb* who helped set up a country network to facilitate collaboration, communication and co-operation between groups of believers and faith ministries in Tunisia. Pray that it will continue to strengthen unity in the country.

☐ WEDNESDAY 24

Give thanks for the support that BMS worker Beth* is able to give to a local NGO in their organisational development. Pray that project beneficiaries will learn essential skills that give them a hope of a better future.

☐ THURSDAY 25

Pray for Oussema*, a BMS worker who has a holy, ethical witness to many young people, particularly those who feel that they may be on the margins. Pray that he will be encouraged in his work.

☐ FRIDAY 26

Pray for the Tunisian Government and authorities, that they would continue to allow the local Church to exist, and pray also for peace and stability.

☐ SATURDAY 27

Pray for the Tunisian Church, that it would be a light to its nation and believers would be known for their love for one another.

*Names changed.

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding.

Proverbs 3: 5

Fragile states

28 June to 4 July

People who live in fragile states experience a mixture of complicated issues such as elite groups in conflict, fleeing or arriving refugees, an absence of democratic voice or human rights, as well as more obvious factors, such as war or extreme food shortages. BMS World Mission aims to bring and to be good news in these broken places.

☐ SUNDAY 28

Pray for BMS work in Chad. In a country with significant fragility, BMS plays an important part in delivering key medical services in two locations. Pray for God's protection over Andrea and Mark Hotchkin, BMS surgeons in northern Chad.

☐ MONDAY 29

Pray for BMS work with groups returning to devastated homes in South Sudan. Years of conflict have destroyed lives, livelihoods, relationships and opportunities. Pray that South Sudan's conflict survivors can return to rebuild.

☐ TUESDAY 30

Pray for BMS workers who are delivering important medical, community development and mental health services in a context of chronic insecurity in Afghanistan, a country slowly recovering from decades of conflict. Pray that God's light would shine through them.

**Names changed.*

☐ WEDNESDAY 1

Pray that BMS partners and mission workers will bring hope, life and opportunity to communities ravaged by the uncertainty of conflict, famines and the suppression of rights.

☐ THURSDAY 2

Pray for BMS work in D R Congo with a school for blind children in Kinshasa. Pray that the children would have hope in situations where disability continues to be stigmatised.

☐ FRIDAY 3

BMS workers Caroline* and Victor* need to tread carefully in Guinea's fragile political situation. Please pray for their safety.

☐ SATURDAY 4



Pray that BMS workers **Joe and Lois Ovenden** would show Jesus' love as they work in community development and speech therapy in Uganda, a country still recovering from civil war.

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Carlos Tique Jone, Benon Kayanja and Genesis Acaye are three fantastic International Mission Workers who spoke in churches across the UK in January.

International Mission Workers

5-11 July

International Mission Workers are directly recruited and supported by BMS World Mission to work within their own or neighbouring countries. They work as part of the BMS team and bring invaluable local knowledge and expertise in their fields to BMS work.

SUNDAY 5



Carlos Tique Jone works with BMS partner the Mozambican Baptist Convention to deliver development and relief projects. Pray for encouragement as he helps churches equip their communities, and as he leads the BMS team in Mozambique.

MONDAY 6

Kalbassou Doubassou is a nurse-surgeon from Cameroon working in Chad as Director of Guinebor II hospital. Pray for him as he balances the demands of surgery and hospital management, that he would continue to show the love of Jesus to all.

TUESDAY 7



Pray for **Genesis Acaye**, Programme Co-ordinator for BMS-supported agricultural projects in Gulu, Uganda. Pray for Genesis as he supports farmers in the growing and marketing of their crops, that he would bring great encouragement.

WEDNESDAY 8



Please pray for **Benon Kayanja**, Co-ordinator for the BMS team based in Gulu, Uganda. Pray for wisdom as he supports projects around the region, and for safety as he visits them.

THURSDAY 9

Pray for Benjamin Francis, a BMS evangelist working with our partner in India. Pray for safety in travel and for boldness in bringing people to faith in Jesus.

FRIDAY 10

Pray for the families of these International Mission Workers, that they would support and encourage their family members and know God's provision for them.

SATURDAY 11

Pray for more people to serve as International Mission Workers. Pray also for those who are enabling equipped people to serve where God has called them.



Last year's BMS Action Team in Kosovo used their gap year to serve God as they helped children in need there.

Kosovo

12-18 July

The main focus of BMS World Mission's work in Kosovo is providing access to educational opportunities for many who may not otherwise have support. Peace-building, by seeking to bring people from different ethnic communities together, is also an increasing focus for our work. Please pray for BMS work in Kosovo this week.

SUNDAY 12

Thank God that a number of new children from different ethnic backgrounds have come to classes run by BMS' partner in Kosovo. Pray particularly that the classes will have a positive impact on the often-marginalised Roma families that attend.

MONDAY 13

BMS worker Rose* is currently studying for a Master's degree in Special Educational Needs. Pray that after her studies, her work will have even more of a positive impact on the lives of children with additional needs in the community.

TUESDAY 14

BMS has been working in its current location in Kosovo for nearly ten years. Praise God for our workers' integration into local communities. Pray that BMS workers Robert* and Rose, with their young son Joe*, will shine God's light into the lives of people in Kosovo.

*Names changed.

WEDNESDAY 15

Thank God for new opportunities for inter-ethnic dialogue. Pray that God will increase this much-needed ministry in Kosovo.

THURSDAY 16

Pray for the leaders of Kosovo, after the government collapsed earlier this year. Pray for Christ-like leaders to be raised up to lead this nation.

FRIDAY 17

There are very few Christians from any denomination in Kosovo. Pray for unity among followers of Jesus, for those who have begun seeking God through BMS' work and for all those who have a living faith.

SATURDAY 18

Pray for the long-term sustainability of BMS work in Kosovo. Please pray that BMS workers would be able to engage more local people in the future through the classes they run.

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BMS is inspiring innovative mission projects from Nepal to Afghanistan to express God's love in unique ways.

Mission Innovation Fund

19-25 July

BMS World Mission's Mission Innovation Fund (MIF) enables mission initiatives that capture the imagination. It finances projects that share God's love in unique and pioneering ways. Please pray this week for all our partners and projects supported through this fund, that they will continue to inspire people with God's love in new and exciting ways.

SUNDAY 19

The Sangasangai Process project in Nepal helps develop sustainable and healthy communities through enhancing local church leadership and actively engaging Christians in resolving community issues. Please pray for church leaders to be inspired to lead the project going forward.

MONDAY 20

Praise God for the establishment of a speech therapy practice in Gulu, Uganda and the help of volunteers who came at just the right time. Please pray for BMS speech therapist Lois Ovenden as she oversees the expansion of the practice.

TUESDAY 21

Please pray for the BMS-supported project in Sri Lanka which seeks to support holistic mission in local churches. Pray that the churches would be salt and light in their communities.

WEDNESDAY 22

Our water and sanitation project in Afghanistan seeks to educate rural communities about good hygiene. Please pray that this project will see the reduction in diseases related to poor sanitation in this region.

THURSDAY 23

Please pray for the safeguarding project taking place in Mozambique among preschool teachers.

FRIDAY 24

Praise God for the new sewing machines provided for the Thai ladies sewing project being run by Helen and Wit Boondeekhun. Please pray that more ladies will be encouraged to join the project.

SATURDAY 25

Please pray for our partner in Tunisia as it runs projects aimed at inspiring social justice in this nation. Pray that many people will reap the benefits going forward.



Your support has helped farming families in Uganda grow bountiful crops.

Development

26 Jul to 1 Aug

Development programmes are integral to BMS World Mission’s aim to bring people abundant life in Jesus. Many of these are intertwined with local and national church ministries, as a palpable expression of God’s love. This week, ask the Lord to reveal himself to others through these endeavours.

SUNDAY 26

Thank the Lord for our health facilitators in Afghanistan. Pray that they may successfully deliver teaching on safe birthing practices. Pray that mothers and girls may put into practice what they hear, improving their families’ health, as well as their own.

MONDAY 27



In Peru, BMS worker **Regiane Clark** partners with the Peruvian Baptist Convention’s Social Action Department, training churches in community development. Pray for the manual they are compiling from their collective experience, that it will inspire more people to start such ministries.

TUESDAY 28

In Afghanistan, BMS partners’ staff travel daily to many different communities. Pray for their safety. Pray also that they will build good relationships with local and governmental leadership, as they all work together on development projects.

WEDNESDAY 29

Pray for BMS work with communities in Nepal, that they might be resilient and might flourish as they develop.

THURSDAY 30

Pray for the “Loans for Life” programme in Mozambique, which provides micro-loans for small businesses. Ask God for wisdom as the project adapts its methodology.

FRIDAY 31

Praise God that through BMS worker Genesis Acaye and the BMS-supported agricultural project in Gulu, Uganda, farming families enjoy improved productivity and crop diversity.

SATURDAY 1



BMS’ Paul and Sarah Brown provide vulnerable women with training opportunities through their community business project in Thailand. Pray that the women they serve would experience restoration and recovery.

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Guinea is one of the most marginalised and least evangelised countries in the world. We're looking for more people to follow their missional calling to Guinea.

Recruitment

2-8 August

BMS World Mission works in partnership with organisations across the world to send mission workers to places where the need is greatest. We have a number of vacancies we are looking for the right people to fill. Please pray for our Mission Programmes Team as they recruit new mission workers.

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☐ SUNDAY 2

Guinebor II hospital in Chad needs a surgeon to serve long-term with the team there. Please pray we would find the right person to work at this busy hospital, which is a lifeline for tens of thousands.

☐ MONDAY 3

Our partner organisations in both Afghanistan and Tunisia are looking for Executive Directors. Please pray that people with the right skills and experience will be appointed to these positions of leadership.

☐ TUESDAY 4



Action Teams is BMS' gap year programme, and **Insight Teams** is one of our short-term mission programmes. Pray for the recruitment of these teams. Pray that the teams would be inspired by what God is doing overseas and that after returning to the UK, they would inspire others to get involved in cross-cultural mission.

☐ WEDNESDAY 5

Pray for the recruitment of teachers, both to support children of mission workers, and to work alongside partners in training local teachers.

☐ THURSDAY 6

Pray for people to come forward to serve in closed countries. We need skilled people to make Jesus' name known in the least evangelised countries in the world, through word and deed.

☐ FRIDAY 7

Please pray that more people would follow a call to work in Guinea. BMS' partner there is involved in community-based development, looking to serve the needs of the Guinean people.

☐ SATURDAY 8

BMS' Mission Programmes Team oversees the recruitment of mission workers from the UK and further afield. Pray for BMS staff Becky, Grace, Hannah, Rob and Tom as they support people through their mission journeys.



BMS partner Big Life brings the gospel message to the least evangelised places in India.

India

9-15 August

India has a rich heritage as the birthplace of modern mission. There, Indian people continue the legacy of BMS World Mission's founder William Carey with cultural awareness and in their native languages. BMS supports projects in Delhi, Kolkata, Odisha (formerly Orissa) and more, seeking to bring the good news to some of the most poverty-stricken places on earth.

☐ SUNDAY 9



Give thanks for the Christian Medical College hospital which serves thousands of people every day. Please pray for **Ann Bothamley**,

a long-serving BMS volunteer, for the strength and energy she needs to encourage and support patients through the long journey of recovery.

☐ MONDAY 10

Thank God for the BMS-supported workers who run BMS' Street Servants Ministries. Pray for good health, boldness, compassion and access to resources as they provide free education to 80 homeless children.

☐ TUESDAY 11

Several schools founded by BMS mission workers, some over 100 years old, are now administered by the Baptist Church Trust Association. Give thanks for this tremendous legacy, and please pray for the schools' witness and mission.

**Names changed.*

☐ WEDNESDAY 12

Lift up the nation of India to the Lord, where far too many still live in poverty, and violence has become commonplace.

☐ THURSDAY 13



Pray for BMS evangelist **Ben Francis** as he leads church planting ministries in India. Praise God that over 17,000 became followers of Christ in 2019 and 4,500 new church planters were trained.

☐ FRIDAY 14

Praise God for the BMS boat ministry which ferries church planters and doctors to remote communities. Pray that people who heard the gospel through this ministry in 2019 will grow in their faith.

☐ SATURDAY 15

Pray for BMS-supported Pastor T*, who is leading 60 evangelists and church planters in Odisha. Pray for God's protection over them.

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BMS mission worker Peter Lynch and John Karmaker, a BMS-supported worker, pray together for freedom for people in Bangladesh to become Christians and know Jesus.

Religious freedom

16-22 August

Freedom of religious belief is a bedrock of civil and political liberties. When upheld, it not only allows for Christians and other faith traditions to worship and share their faith freely but also serves as a bellwether, indicating the health of all human rights in a given country. Please pray for people without religious freedom this week.

☐ SUNDAY 16

Pray for protection and boldness for BMS World Mission evangelists in certain states in India where Christians alongside other minority faith groups have found themselves marginalised and persecuted.

☐ MONDAY 17

Pray for BMS' partner and workers in Afghanistan. In practice, this country has little space for religious diversity and there are significant consequences for those who would seek to convert from the majority faith tradition. Pray for support and encouragement for new Christians coming to know Jesus.

☐ TUESDAY 18

Pray for continued positive BMS engagement with the work of the All-Party Parliamentary Group of Freedom of Religious Belief. The group has significant influence in shaping UK Government policy concerning the protection of religious liberties around the world.

☐ WEDNESDAY 19

Pray for a country in northeast Asia which has been named as the worst place in the world to be a Christian. Pray that believers there would bring solidarity, hope and light.

☐ THURSDAY 20

Pray for BMS partners in Nepal. Anti-conversion laws introduced in recent years have meant that Christians are fearful of sharing their faith.

☐ FRIDAY 21

Pray for the witness and courage of believers in western Europe. While we enjoy extraordinary liberty, omnipresent materialism frequently dissipates our freedom to share the love of Christ.

☐ SATURDAY 22

Today is the first UN International Day Commemorating the Victims of Acts of Violence Based on Religion or Belief. Praise God for this recognition and pray regimes of religious oppression would not prevail.



Thanks to the teacher training your support provides, Ashru has access to preschool learning in her rural village in Bangladesh.

Education

23-29 August

Globally, there is much to be done to ensure inclusive education and lifelong learning opportunities for all. BMS World Mission is endeavouring to play its part in the areas of preschool teacher training, teacher development, education for refugees from war-torn countries and more.

☐ SUNDAY 23



BMS mission worker **Louise Proctor** and BMS-supported teacher Esther Sarker run a preschool project training teachers for young children in poor, rural areas of Bangladesh. Pray that the children and their families enjoy the benefits of this project.

☐ MONDAY 24

BMS partner the Kathmandu International Study Centre facilitates the work of mission workers in Nepal by providing high-quality education for their children. Pray for strength and wisdom for BMS mission worker Angus Douglas who is on the leadership team.

☐ TUESDAY 25



Please pray for BMS mission workers **Annie Brown** and **Joy Ransom**, mentoring local teachers in remote areas of Nepal. Pray that their seminars will create a positive change in the classroom.

☐ WEDNESDAY 26



Pray for BMS mission worker **Liz Vilela's** success as she co-ordinates the PEPE project, providing preschool education in 60 disadvantaged areas of Mozambique.

☐ THURSDAY 27

Pray for Megi, a BMS-supported worker in Albania, to manage her time well as she begins further professional development to support her work with children and their families.

☐ FRIDAY 28

Give thanks for BMS mission workers **Chris** and **Debbie Carter**, who provided training for Albanian teachers through GDQ International Christian School. Pray this continues to bear fruit.

☐ SATURDAY 29

Pray for creativity and discernment for BMS' Overseas Team Leader for Education, **Roger Pearce**, as he looks to expand the scope of BMS' education ministry to new areas.

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A monument to the principle of 'Juche', which means self-reliance or autonomy. This ideology is taught to people in North Korea as the only way of life.

North Korea

30 Aug to 5 Sep

Project Cyrus is a BMS World Mission network which seeks to pray for the leaders and people of North Korea. Hold this project in your prayers this week and lift local believers up to the Lord. Please pray for their incarnational ministry among the Chosun – the people of North Korea.

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SUNDAY 30

The Holy Spirit blows where he pleases. Please pray that the spiritual antennae of local believers in North Korea will be well-tuned to make the most of the opportunities given to them in spontaneous meetings and conversations.

MONDAY 31

Please pray for foreign businesses in the special economic zones of North Korea. Pray that leaders might show integrity to their host country in the way they do business, contribute to economic growth and provide much needed employment for local workers.

TUESDAY 1

Last year, when North Korean leader Kim Jong-un and US President Donald Trump met for two separate summit meetings, hopes were raised. Please pray for a breakthrough of relations between these two countries, and for debilitating sanctions to be lifted.

WEDNESDAY 2

Pray for foreign professionals working in North Korea, that they would be sensitive to the host culture and build positive relationships with North Koreans.

THURSDAY 3

North Korea is prone to natural disasters. Pray that measures would be put in place to lessen the damage that could be caused by these disasters. Pray for God's protection over this nation.

FRIDAY 4

Please pray for Kim Jong-un, leader of North Korea. Pray that he would lead with integrity and humility, favouring peace in all dealings with foreign leaders.

SATURDAY 5

UN sanctions are causing severe hardship in food supplies and healthcare provision. Pray for improved international relationships that would lead to greater provision for all the people living in North Korea.

Africa	
Chad	Claire BEDFORD
Chad	Brian and Jackie CHILVERS (France)
Chad	Kalbassou DOUBASSOU
Chad	Andrea and Mark HOTCHKIN
Chad	Bethan and Gareth SHRUBSOLE (Samuel, Jonah and Eva)
Chad	Mel and Tom SPEARS (Maisie and Rosa)
Guinea	Caroline and Victor
Mozambique	Mark and Susanna BARRELL (Lizzie)
Mozambique	Jane EDWARDS
Mozambique	Carlos TIQUE JONE
Mozambique	Liz and Sergio VILELA (Chloe and Joshua)
Uganda	Genesis ACAYE
Uganda	Linda and Tim DARBY (Joshua, Annabelle and Elsa)
Uganda	Benon KAYANJA
Uganda	Joe and Lois OVENDEN (Connie, Reuben and Eleanor)

Asia	
Bangladesh	Louise and Peter LYNCH
Bangladesh	Louise and Phil PROCTOR
China	David and Jenny MEWES
India	Ann BOTHAMLEY
India	Benjamin and Gillian FRANCIS
Nepal	Alan and Megan BARKER
Nepal	Annie BROWN
Nepal	Angus and Helen DOUGLAS (Caleb, Charis and Esther)
Nepal	Simon and Wendy HALL
Nepal	Joy RANSOM
Nepal	Andy and Jenny SAUNDERS
Nepal	Pippa and Toby VOKUHL (Jakey, Ella and Millie)
Thailand	Helen and Wit BOONDEEKHUN
Thailand	Paul and Sarah BROWN
Thailand	Judy COOK

Some names have been changed due to security reasons. (Children aged 0-18 in brackets)
(Training location in brackets)

South America

Peru	Daniel and Regiane CLARK (Ana Sophia)
Peru	Laura-Lee LOVERING
Peru	Dave and Michele MAHON (Jonathan, Ruth and Phoebe)

Europe

Albania	Chris and Debbie CARTER
Albania	Annie and Dan DUPREE (Charis, Isaac, Amaya and Thalia)
Albania	Mat and Suzanne GREGORY (Seth and Esther)
France	Philip and Rosemary HALLIDAY
France	Christine KLING
France	John and Sue WILSON
Kosovo	Robert and Rose (Joe)
Netherlands	David and Dorothy McMILLAN
Spain	Andrea and Ian

Middle East and North Africa

Afghanistan	Catherine and Rory (Craig and Miranda)
Afghanistan	Jenny and Tim (Katie and Robert)
Afghanistan	Mary
Afghanistan	Nathan and Rose (Pippa and Callum)
Afghanistan	Ruby
Tunisia	Beth and Oussema
Tunisia	Sophie
Tunisia	Naama

Action Teams (2019/20)

France	Jennie LOCKETT, Ruth McCORMICK, Hamish RICE, Bridget TURNER
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India (Kolkata)	Tom COLES, Lewis McDONALD, Zoe MOORE, Naomi SAVAGE
Kosovo	Arabella, Derek, Esther, Kathy
Mozambique	George BROWN, Elana CARPENTER, Joel MORRISS, Emily PARKINS
Nepal	Gemma BATCHELOR, Naomi CHEDGEY, Lucy HEMMINGSLEY, Hannah WHITE
Peru	Jacob BARRON, Erin SEAMAN, Sophie WEST

Whoever
welcomes
one of these
little children
in my name
welcomes me.

Mark 9: 37

