

MISSION FOCUS MAY 2021



Samaras Aid, serving Syria and the Middle East with medical and humanitarian help

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We would ask you to join us in praying for:

Protection for the team and the projects, as ISIS have been more active since the start of the year.

Our **outreach centre** supporting, some of the most vulnerable children, to continue to remain open despite the national school closure, and to continue the care and essential meals it provides.

Fuel to be available in Syria for people to live their lives, earn their income and produce their food; there is currently a major fuel crisis.

The **hospitals** to have the resources they need to serve people in need of healthcare. The safe supply and delivery of urgently needed **medical equipment** to our centre.

The swarm of **locusts**, currently threatening Syria's crops, to be diverted and eliminated, and for the Lord to put a wall of protection around the nation's crops and those that we are currently growing.

Thank him for the tremendous privilege he has given us in inviting us to be a part of this incredible work we are doing for him, for his kingdom and his glory.

Please ask him to **strengthen and sustain** us, that he will continue to guide and lead us to do this work in his way, and in our weakness to depend on him, his strength and **his Grace**.

For the **fundraising** over the coming months to help us get our medical centre equipped and functioning.

CCB Mission Contact - **Nikki Barnett**



Chris & Hannah Scutt
YWAM, Malawi

Video link: <https://youtu.be/F8B7FFIbljI>

God is doing some great things through the staff here in Malawi and we are so blessed to be a part of the YWAM Blantyre story. He has really opened doors in terms of connections in the region and **the MLP (Malawi Learning Partnership) App**, which has received initial funding, has several partners involved, including Mzuzu University with a number of **teachers already making lessons**.

Charles, with his wife Lidia, has been leading **Bible Seminars in rural areas** and this has influenced so many people. The Education Seminar we ran at the base attracted 12 staff members and we pray these people will really start to have an impact from what they have learned. Some of the staff who serve here with us don't have access to good support networks so financial sponsorship would be a great help for them.

Hannah has supported two **births** and is in process with another YWAM staff couple who have just had the first baby born since the Zomba base has been launched. The **sewing ministry** had a graduation for 10 community students who received sewing machines and are using them for income generation. Some 600 **trees** have been planted on the widows' field at the base and are growing well. These trees help support these women, who are not fit enough to farm.

We have a **new family from Zimbabwe** who also have a heart for training and have been a huge blessing. Covid is limiting travel but there will be a **YWAM DTS at Blantyre** running later this year if anyone is interested.

For us as a family, it has been a fruitful season but also quite challenging. Recently, Hannah lost her grandmother and was unable to return to the UK for the funeral. All of us are struggling with coughs or in Chris' case, shingles.

Finally, the British Government are sending Josiah his passport.

Prayer points:

For health as a family, both physical and mentally as Hannah deals with the loss of her Nan;

For the Education Projects, Birth Support and the Masters to be in balance and to be effective for God's Kingdom;

For God to grow the right team and help us understand which are the right doorways in terms of partnership;

For the children as they still miss friends and we work through their individual challenges with them;

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Even though it hasn't been the year any of them expected or would have wanted, the students have not only remained focused and grown in their understanding of the Gospel, but have also taken any opportunity to put into practice what they have learnt, and as a result have seen many people respond to the Gospel, be that through their work virtually and even through face-to-face conversations.

Please pray for: The students as they prepare to go on **mission for a month**; pray they enjoy being out and about across the U.K

Pray they **stay safe and Covid free**, and pray they continue to see **salvation** through their work. Pray for them also as the year comes to a close and they look to find out **what is next** for them. Please also pray for me and the team as we look to **recruit and shape the course** for next year.

CCB Mission Contact: **Caroline Dixon**

Danny & Rachel John Care2Share

www.care2share.uk

Danny recently taught for two weeks in a YWAM DTS in Switzerland and then on-line in India as well as continuing **regular preaching in India**. This year continues to bring new challenges, but we know God continues to work out his purposes and is using **the DTSs to transform lives** despite things looking very different.



Care2share was so happy to see another set of ladies graduate from our **tailoring course** in Hyderabad as well as the Train The Trainers course (T3) in Bihar being completed. Thankfully the **learning centre** has been built again after being destroyed - it regularly has been destroyed because of opposition. We pray that the ladies' **lives' will be changed** not just materially but spiritually. Parvathi, the teacher in our tailoring training gave her heart to the Lord after being with us for the past 3 years. **Digging bore wells** currently is planned in a couple of locations. We continue to pray for ministries, we are connected within India that have been severely hampered by heavy restrictions this year, plus facing constant challenges from **political opposition against Christians**. The current Covid situation makes us even more aware of how much **India needs Jesus!**

CCB Mission Contact: **Nicky Raddon**



Clive & Glenda McMinn
Bettaway Community
Bettaway Church,
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We have recently received an update from Bettaway. They have been able to gather every Sunday in church from 10 Jan 2021, following the regulations set out by the government. Please pray for the church's ministries:

For **Kids Church, Junior Youth and High School Youth**: that the children and young people would grow in their understanding of God's Word and apply it to their lives, and experience Jesus through a true living relationship with him. For the outreach to the young people through game nights, Bible study and worship nights.

For the **Young Adults & Men & Ladies Ministries**: for the unique needs and issues of these groups to be noticed and addressed, and for members to support each other in life and in God's Word.

For the **Homework Club**, Lorna Willis as principal, with 50 students registered for 2021. For the work currently in progress to raise standards and recruit tutors in order to better support the learners and 'break poverty through education'.

For the **Drop-In Center** which provides a safe place for kids of any age, culture and gender, and offers fun and creative ways to learn about life skills and feeds them sandwiches!

For the **Food Kitchen** which is supporting about 40 families with a bag of groceries 3 times a month. Covid-19 has hit families hard and the church has been helping with food vouchers

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and housing and medical needs. Please pray for the funding to continue this **poverty relief scheme**.



Paul & Clare Woodington
Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF)
Papua New Guinea

<https://www.maf-uk.org/staff/woodington-paul-and-clare>

Clare and Paul have returned to PNG for a 6 month placement. Their return has been much more daunting due to the pandemic. Numbers of COVID cases in PNG are rising, estimated at 300 new cases a day and some deaths, but testing is not readily available or widespread. New Covid protocols mean hospitals are closed with medivacs needing special permission to fly patients in for treatment. There is no flying without a good reason, special permission and a negative Covid test and there are no tests, so no travel.

Paul is flying primary health care teams around remote communities and **medical evacuations** but on a scaled back basis. He is able to work from home on much needed **IT projects**. Clare is supporting Paul and **sewing face masks** for local community groups. They are both well and currently based in Mount Hagen in an MAF compound.

Paul and Clare really appreciate your prayer support. **Please pray for:** Protection of MAF pilots and families from the COVID virus as there are no vaccinations. Safety and protection for Paul whilst flying. The situation in PNG with the COVID pandemic. For the children in Australia, Kiri, Imogen and Beau, Aaron and Tris

CCB Mission Contact: **Jackie Rice**