

Prayer Focus: NWBA - NORTH WESTERN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Pray for Phil, Andrew, Jonathan, Mandy and others working in and from the NW Association office. May they continue to be a source of support and information for all those serving their local communities in and around our churches.

We have been delighted to welcome Rachel Oatridge onto the Association Team, Rachel will be working part-time offering some much needed administrative support.

The NWBA have adopted for our association theme "Generosity and Grace" which gives the invitation to reflect on the values and ethos that we seek to promote and reflect as local Christian communities.

NWBA are re-launching the Young Adult monitoring programme now under the new title "Relish".

Prayer Focus: Baptist Union ~ Poverty and Homelessness Action Week



Pray for those in our communities that are struggling to make ends meet, who are living in poverty and those that are homeless. Pray for the work Baptists are doing with the homeless. Pray for churches who are offering food parcels through Foodbanks.

www.actionweek.org.uk

Prayer Focus: BMS ~ Mission Teams

“Look to the LORD and his strength; seek his face always.”
(1 Chronicles 16: 11)

Pray that throughout application, preparation, their time overseas and return, BMS team members – and the staff responsible for the teams – would be finding their strength in God and seeking his will.



PRAY FOR:

- Sunday 29** The Action Teams currently overseas (in Kosovo, India, Lebanon, Peru and Uganda), many of whom will be settling back into projects after Christmas and a short break.
- Monday 30** Those considering applying for the 2012/13 Action Team programme: that God would be leading them as to whether this is the right thing for them.
- Tuesday 31** Those at the Lawyers' Christian Fellowship in the UK who partner with us in organising the Lawyers' Team to Uganda, Rwanda and Kenya.
- Wednesday 1** Mission workers and overseas partners who host teams: that they would be encouraged and blessed by the teams that come out to them.
- Thursday 2** Teams from Bristol Baptist College and South Wales Baptist College attending a preparation day on Saturday before going overseas. Pray that they would find the day challenging and informative.
- Friday 3** Church Teams attending the preparation day on Saturday – that the day would excite and inspire them for the trips they are preparing to undertake.
- Saturday 4** Staff at the Didcot offices and IMC who are involved in training teams to rely on God's strength in doing their jobs

PRAYER and praise



As part of her work in Zimbabwe, **Gill Jones** is training women in skills which will be of huge benefit to their lives, including one to make reusable sanitary pads.

"It has been great to see the keenness with which the 200 ladies and girls have greeted this project. If they bring two completed pads back they are given more material to make up to 12 more each. Each lady has been given the tools to do all of this, thanks to a grant by BMS. It's been great to see the ones who could sew helping those who had never done it before."

"It has been a privilege to show Jesus' love to others and have hidden talents revealed." (Church Team leader)



Remembering also the many areas around the world where people are suffering through unrest, poverty and war.