

missionmatters

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www.happychild.org

Sarah De Carvalho (UK office) for Happy Child International (Brazil)



Sarah DeCarvalho set up Happy Child in 1989 to rescue, restore and reintegrate street children and children at risk in Brazil through a ministry immersed in the love of Jesus. Initially working in Brazil, Sarah now works for Happy Child International from the Leatherhead office.

Specific prayer points:

- Please pray for the health of the 60 workers in Happy Child. There has been an outbreak of Dengue in Brazil and people are dying from this. Outbreaks can be quite fierce and contagious
- Pray for the work of Happy Child in the UK, that the Lord would lead and guide the UK directors/workers in their decision-making
- Pray for a meeting with a Judge in Recife about a small farm that is available. The property would be ideal for the girls' house.
- Give praise for all the committed donors and prayer supporters

www.soteriastrust.org.uk

Soteria Trust (Nigeria/UK)



Rev Andy Economides is well known to our congregations through his visits and teaching at St Mary's/L1FE. Soteria Trust works to bring people to Christ across the UK and in Nigeria.

Specific prayer points:

- Pray for a new staff position – an assistant for Andy Economides to travel with, and assist, Andy in his missions, events and engagements. Please see 'Soteria News' or contact the Soteria office on 01243 771494 or email admin@soteriastrust.org.uk.
- Pray for a new headmaster for the vocational Christian Soteria College in Ibadan, Nigeria.
- Pray for the £80,000 needed to complete the second college building. This will add a much-needed canteen/kitchen, dormitory, library and two classrooms. See June's Parish Magazine article.
- Pray for anointing for Andy and the Soteria team

www.kampalachildren.com

Kampala Children's Centre (Uganda)



Several of our congregation have visited this centre for the orphans of war and AIDS, founded by regular speaker Rev. Arnold Mwonge. The vision is to give many children the chance of a home, education and happy childhood in Uganda.

Specific prayer points:

- Give thanks for the successful official opening (photo above) where the children performed in dance and music expressing their love and appreciation to God for his provisions
- Please pray for the finances for phase two of KCC which includes houses 6,7,8,9, a kindergarten, children's play area and resource centre
- Please pray for office space for the UK team
- Pray that the kids grow in the knowledge and love of Jesus
- Please pray for Arnold as he travels and preaches the Gospel

www.churcharmy.org.uk

Phil Morrow (UK)



L1FE congregation member Phil Morrow has been called to train with the Church Army to become an evangelist. He is studying full time in Sheffield and undertaking practical assignments.

Specific prayer points:

- Phil is coping well with the academic work – he had another B grade on his last paper – please pray that he keeps this up
- Please pray for Phil's Mission to South Africa in Sept (part of his course). They will attend a diocesan conference on mission then go on mission with the local churches. Pray for personal safety, smooth travel arrangements, and that the Church Army team will experience "real God stuff!!"
- Phil has to raise money towards the cost and asks for prayer that God provides the necessary financial support for this trip.

(website under construction)

B@titude (Leatherhead, UK)



B@titude is a Christian charity shop committed to loving and serving the community of north Leatherhead. Here they sell quality 'as new' clothes for babies and children, provide an area for coffee, as well as a small play area, and offer an environment for friendship and prayer.

Specific prayer points:

- Thank God for the mums and daughters trip to Zambia, May 24th, all the funds are in, everything is ready. Please pray for great impact far beyond the week. Pray for all those going, for peace, safety and freedom to really enjoy every day.
- Pray for a mum who is getting baptised in her garden in May and that her story will have a profound impact amongst her circle
- For help with a planned children's club/church on Saturday mornings and that God will put a great team together
- Praise God for the donors that have come forward to support the shop and to ask God for his favour and blessing for a few more
- Thank God for every opportunity to pray with the mums and for the great conversations that take place. Pray for more opportunities

www.om.org

Sandra Benko (South Africa)



Sandra is based in Pretoria, South Africa, working in communications with Operation Mobilisation. OM's role in the church is to mobilise people to share the knowledge of Jesus and His love with every generation in every nation.

Specific prayer points:

- Pray that Sandra would not allow what she does for the Lord to eclipse her friendship with Him (the old task versus relationship struggle)
- Pray for the annual Operation Mobilisation Communications meetings mid-May, that it would be a fruitful time where they find wisdom for how to take communications to a new level
- Pray for good connections with Sandra's extended (Canada) and immediate (UK) family as she travels with her parents. She feels they are in a season of restoration of the years the locusts have eaten.

www.breakout.org.uk

Baumgartner Family (Switzerland)



Daniel and Esther Baumgartner are currently in Zurich, Switzerland.

Specific prayer points:

- Pray for the Baumgartners as a family as they seek God's guidance for the next step in ministry.
- Give thanks for the individuals whose lives have been touched through the ministry of Inner Healing. Pray for the planned setting up of a registered charity to bring healing to the broken hearted
- Please pray for their relationship with the leadership of the International Protestant church in Zurich. The pastor Richard Davis welcomed the Baumgartners to set up the Inner Healing ministry
- Please pray for the children who attended a special week of activities organised by evangelical churches in Zurich. Esther and Daniel were asked to run a key workshop where children could ask questions about the gospel and where they could receive Christ into their hearts. 147 children attended. Please pray that these children will receive what they heard and take Jesus into their hearts

Steve Legg/Breakout Trust (UK)



The Breakout Trust is the registered charity committed to communicating the relevance of the Christian faith. Its Founding Director is Steve Legg, a well-known Christian performer, speaker and writer.

Specific prayer points:

- Sorted, the glossy Christian men's magazine published by Breakout Trust, has been well received and the fourth issue is ready to go to print but needs money to publish – please pray for finances
- The Son newspaper is increasing in circulation but still needs a wider distribution and funding
- Please pray for more dates and bookings for appearances for Steve, and opportunities to evangelise, especially in May/June
- Steve has just had two new books published – please pray for success and good sales
- Pray for Steve and his family

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