

July

The LORD is a refuge for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble. Those who know your name trust in you, for you, LORD, have never forsaken those who seek you.

Psalm 9:9-10

As vaccinations and stronger healthcare systems bring the promise of normality closer to many of us, we remember that isn't the case everywhere. God is on the side of those who are oppressed and would otherwise feel forsaken and we should be too.

Coronavirus cases are increasing rapidly in Malawi but vaccinations have run out. Please pray for healthcare providers who are feeling the pressure once again, for safety from the virus and for a speedy delivery of vaccine doses.

Pray for INF's focus on mitigating the risk of COVID-19 in community and hospital settings. INF is exploring how best it can support the government's effort to limit the spread of the disease and support local quarantine and isolation centres. Pray for the newly formed INF Nepal Central COVID Coordination Team,

Praise God for the Chifundo project which has just finished. It brought quality palliative care to rural health facilities all over Malawi, and embedded it there, through training staff, establishing long-lasting, sustainable routes to pain relief drugs, and ensuring

that nutritional support is considered part of palliative care in Malawi. Well before the end of the project, all 26 rural participating facilities were giving free drugs to all their palliative care patients, and the local District Health Office had accepted this as its responsibility

Pray for the work of Dr Prabhu and the team at Duncan Hospital. Pray for them during times of personal loss and tragedy, tremendous emotional strain, oxygen supply challenges and manpower shortages.

At the same time, we give thanks for a good infrastructure in place at Duncan hospital, that staff were well prepared for the pandemic, had been vaccinated and are such dedicated workers. A good relationship with the Government was a blessing, together with the support of the public.

August

So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand..

Isaiah 41:10

"So do not fear, for I am with you..." the very presence of God protects us from fear and worry. Presence is such a big part of the care healthcare workers give. As committed Christians, they are bringing something of Jesus to each bedside and into each home with them.

Pray for the process of distributing coronavirus vaccinations particularly where there is hesitancy, fear and a prevalence of fake news. Pray for effective campaigns which encourage people to protect themselves and their communities by getting vaccinated.

In Malawi, we pray that the school year is able to continue amid covid disruptions. Please pray for girls affected by unplanned pregnancy and early marriage as a result of previous school closures and covid economic pressures.

Give thanks for Euan McIntyre our new Fundraising Manager from CrossReach and pray he settles quickly at EMMS International.

We give thanks for the announcement that over £3million was raised during the Every Girl Matters appeal. Pray for the final planning for the UK Aid Match funded Sunita project in Nepal which will now start in April 2022.

Please Pray for the Safeguarding committee at EMMS International and for our partners all working to ensure vulnerable adults and children are protected and well cared for. Give thanks for the Finance Committee at EMMS International working hard to steward all funds wisely for the benefit of those who are dealing with sickness and poverty.

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September

Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Hebrews 4:16

While our requests may seem numerous we approach our God who is gracious and merciful with a promise of help in time of need. It's a privilege to be able to bring the concerns of others before Him too. As we hear of answered prayers from frontline workers during the pandemic, we can have greater confidence to draw near in prayer.

Praise God for our partners in Nepal, India and Malawi, giving thanks for their perseverance and compassion, asking for continued protection and good health and pray that they will be salt and light.

Give thanks for our quarterly online prayers which enables supporters from all over the UK and beyond to gather and pray for our work and hear from our partners.

We pray for the care of frontline healthcare workers who continue to contract coronavirus. Pray for the staff team of INF Nepal, that they will be well cared for as they work through the crisis and give thanks for the innovative "Get Well Soon Package" for COVID infected staff to address their immediate need for isolation and boost their morale as a part of staff care

Praise God for the young women attending health professional courses - 3 for the Diploma in Medical Lab Technology and another 14 training as Auxiliary Nurse Midwives, making a total of 17 young women on health profession courses. This is the first time for many girls from the district around Duncan Hospital to be able to choose science studies.

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