



The Christian Kaleidoscope

Some of us enjoyed looking at the bright and varied colours through a Kaleidoscope when we were younger. We can see bigger and brighter pictures on **February 5th** when we are asked to pray for the work of BMS. For instance, it supports the medical and evangelistic work of the Guinebor Hospital in Chad. It helps Syrian refugee children in Lebanon. Ugandans rejoice at their new water system, while a Christmas project has sent help to sufferers in Ukraine.

Young peoples Action Teams have seen much of this happening and have participated in it. While believers in India suffer much persecution, churches have sprung up there in many places. Lawyers in Uganda are being helped to bring justice to people who through lack of education are often wrongly displaced from their land.

Thousands of pre-school children in Mozambique have been given a foot on the education ladder through the PEPE scheme which has been transplanted there from Brazil. Our colleagues are working in France, Italy and elsewhere in Europe..

Pastors in the Amazon basin benefit from training, in Thailand HIV sufferers are receiving treatment while the work of rebuilding shattered earthquake homes in Nepal goes on at apace. All this information and more comes to us via the weekly BMS website bulletin and the periodical "Engage". Our own link missionaries are engaged in ministerial training and education in Bangladesh. Through our prayers and gifts we are touching lives for God all over the world!!

This is reason for great thanksgiving always but especially on **February 5th** let us all unite on that day to spend time praying and asking God to pour out his Spirit on us and work of BMS worldwide. We are privileged to be part of this endeavour. Maybe he will call on some of us to take a more direct role in it!

Rev. Fred Stainthorpe

BMS DAY OF PRAYER SUNDAY 5th FEBRUARY

BMS Birthday Scheme

Many thanks to all who have contributed to the birthday scheme. The total donated for 2016 was £100. Please ask me for details if you are interested in joining the scheme.

Janet Jenkinson

Shoe Box Appeal

Walsall Shoebox appeal has sent 9,500 parcels to children in the Ukraine and has sent their thanks to GLBC for supporting this wonderful project. Debbie Hardiman

Flower Rota February

Sunday 5th and 12th February Mr & Mr White
Sunday 19th and 26th February Fred Stainthorpe

GLBC PRAYER BREAKFAST SATURDAY 11th FEBRUARY 8:30am WITH A CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST . Guest Leader Jackie Humphries

Our New Minister

Our new Minister the Rev Sarah Bingham, will have her induction service as Pastoral Minister of Green Lane Baptist Church, on Saturday 11th March at 3:00pm. The service will be led by our moderator, the Rev. Adrian Lloyd; the act of induction by our regional minister, the Rev Adrian Argyle; and the guest speaker will be the Rev. Lisa Rainier, Spiritual Care Lead, St. Catherine's Hospice, Crawley, Surrey.

The service will be followed by greetings and a buffet tea.

All members of the congregation are welcome to attend. However, if you intend to stay for tea, it would be appreciated by those catering if you would kindly add your name to the list on the notice board in the vestibule or inform myself as soon as possible, please.

We hope that as many of you as possible will be there to welcome Sarah into our fellowship.

The Rev. Sarah Bingham will be leading her first service with us on **Sunday 12th March 2017**
John Jenkinson