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– 40 Days Of Renewal –



February 2024 Newsletter

Cultivate Friends While the Iron is Hot

By the time we read these words, Lucia Bastos will have arrived at the hospital at Guinebor in Chad as project manager. We saw her at Green Lane in December and know something about her work there. We admire such overseas mission workers although they do not wish for this. They would rather have our prayers and our help. Praying is vital although we can easily forget to do so. Can we do more?

In the old days even the quickest means of communication by airmail could take days, if not weeks. Now we can contact people anywhere immediately by email at no cost. Letters boost their spirits tremendously as I know from experience of serving in Congo. To keep in touch with Lucia email her via: lbastos@bmsworldmission.org. It takes more time to send a small gift such as a small book or magazine, but it lasts longer and is often shared with colleagues.

Some of us may remember things she said when she was with us. We may have taken her photograph. This is good but memory can easily fade. While it is still fairly fresh in our minds let us translate good wishes into practical help. The blacksmith needs a lot of heat to shape iron. But we need not go to such lengths. Just do something!. It will be a blessing and what is more it will warm our own hearts. It will also extend the ministry of our church.

Gifts can be sent via BMS to be taken to people traveling to Chad as postal services there are not as reliable as here. Post items to: BMS World Mission PO Box 49, 129 Broadway Didcot, Oxfordshire, OX11 8XA.

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Small Churches Networking Service

On Sunday February 18th at 5pm there will be an opportunity for church representatives to meet others at a networking service for those with a membership of 40 or less at Perry Beeches Baptist Church in Great Barr.

Gemma's university challenge

Happy New Year, 2024! I hope it this finds you all well. It has now been an incredible 5.5 years since I was a mid-term worker with BMS World Mission in Bangladesh. I was so blessed by your partnership in the gospel during that time. Currently, I am a full-time theology student at Wycliffe Hall, Oxford. I am thankful to God for the opportunity to spend this season studying His word.

May it be for His glory! In Christ, Gemma Leadley-Former BMS visitor.

GLBC Youth News

Preparations are afoot for the teens to meet together on Sunday mornings. After an initial pizza night in the autumn we aim to open Bible Class for rising 10s upwards on February 11th and March 4th. There are also plans for a social and an outing next month. Letters with more information will be handed to parents. Please pray for the team, the planning and the families who will be served.

Calendar & Spring Themes

Following on from the well received Sunday Alpha series, the preaching themes over the next few months will focus on lifestyle issues and what the Bible says with our guest speakers bringing timely insights.

Sun 4th Feb: Jackie Humphries - Discovering God's Will

Sat 10th Feb: 10.30am - Prayer Breakfast with M Buck

Sun 11th Feb: M Chamberlain - The Great Commission

Sun 11th Feb: 6pm - Joint Worship Night at Delves BC.

Tue 13th Feb: 7pm - Deacons' Meeting

Fri 16th Feb: Youth Movie Night - Time TBA

Sun 18th Feb: Adam Bhardwaj - The Trinity

Sun 25th Feb: Simon Bhardwaj - Worry & Fear

Sat 2nd Mar: 1pm - Matters of Women's Justice in the Workplace

Sun 3rd Mar: Deacons' Elections

Sunday Night Bible Study

Bible Study is run virtually most Sunday evenings at 6.30pm on WhatsApp. We are doing the Just10 series which is based on the Ten Commandments given to Moses in Exodus 20. To join the discussion simply ask for the details in church. Due to the area Baptist churches event there'll be no meeting on Feb 11th.