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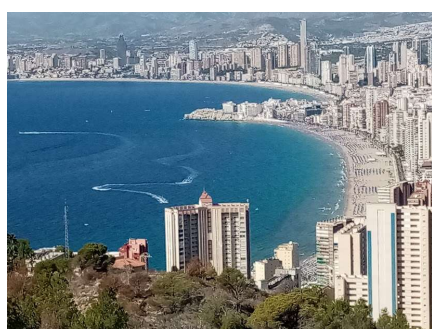
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## PRAYER UPDATE SHEET NOVEMBER 2024

As we approach the end of another eventful year, it is a good opportunity to review some of the key challenges and developments in our different projects and update you for your prayers and so you can join us in giving thanks.

### THE ENGLISH CHURCH, BENIDORM, SPAIN



Without a doubt, 2024 has been a very fruitful year of growth for the English Church under the very capable leadership of Trevor and Maggie Ramsey. Thankfully, the work has been able to stabilise after the terrible years of Covid and lockdown; tourists and visitors have returned and the church has been able to develop its different areas of ministry. Alongside the regular weekly services, Trevor and Maggie have hosted Christianity Explored and Discipleship Explored courses on Wednesday afternoons. Attendance at

these has been excellent, welcoming over 30 participants with encouraging responses. In addition, the Men's and Ladies' groups have held regular meetings bringing encouragement and support to those attending. Trevor and Maggie have also been faithful in their evangelistic ministry, going out on the streets weekly and having some amazing conversations with people of various nationalities and backgrounds. We look forward to their weekly video clips featuring some of the people they have spent time chatting to. Alongside this, there have been conversions, baptisms in the sea and weddings.



One highlight this year has been the Mission Trip with participants from Newtownbreda, Northern Ireland, a support team from England including Lynda representing PCNI and an evangelist who came to offer training for the team. Each evening, the team went out in pairs on the streets to have conversations with people - on the colourful Benidorm strip where all the night entertainment takes place and along the seafront. In total, during the mission 180 significant Gospel conversations took place. Many seeds were sown and some prayed prayers of commitment. It was a fantastic time of fellowship, prayer and witness knitting together the church in Newtownbreda and PCNI who together provide support and oversight for Trevor and Maggie and the church through the year.

### PRAYER POINTS

- Join us in giving thanks to God as we end 2024 for Trevor and Maggie's inspiring ministry and leadership. Pray for their health and for their families at home in NI.
- We need to find a new apartment for Trevor and Maggie.
- We need to open a new Spanish bank account, which we are seeking to do with the help of the leadership of the Scandinavian Church we partner with.
- Pray for the continued growth and unity of the church into 2025 and greater Christian influence in the very needy town of Benidorm.

## KUWADZANA PARACLETE TRAINING CENTRE, HARARE, ZIMBABWE

2024 has been an enormously challenging year around the world, with the war in Russia and Ukraine and the terrible events taking place in Israel, Gaza and Lebanon. Given these situations, the plight of other countries rarely makes the headlines and the challenges of life for so many across the world go unnoticed. This is certainly true for Zimbabwe which continues to suffer on many fronts.

Sadly, Zimbabwe is still in the grip of the El Nino-induced drought which has resulted in massive crop failure, depletion of water resources and pastures. An estimated 6 million people are currently food insecure. In urban areas, high inflation, rising food prices and fluctuating exchange rates have affected families' purchasing power and eroded their savings. In April, Zimbabwe's central bank launched a new currency - the ZiG, (or Zimbabwe Gold) hyped as a stabiliser amid the country's long-running currency and economic crisis. However by late September, the authorities slashed the value of the ZiG by more than 40% causing yet more economic instability and deprivation for many citizens. Given these issues, life for the majority of long suffering Zimbabweans has deteriorated yet further in 2024, with noticeable decline in everyday matters.



Within this context, the work of the Training Centre has continued undaunted, offering services to many poor families in high density Kuwadzana. This year, Paraclete College secondary school's intake grew to around 750 students helped with the addition of two new classrooms early in the year. Superkids continues to thrive, offering a good early start in education for young children. The Bible School continues to train leaders and lay people from different denominations to fulfil their ministries in the church with a sound biblical basis. One major development here this year has been the commencement of a new discipleship programme called SEAN (Study by Extension for all Nations) geared towards local people who wish to learn in groups in their local communities. The programme was launched early in the year with the visit of the African coordinator Daniel Muwanguzi from Uganda, who held initial training for Bible School students. This will be built upon during 2025 and extended beyond the local situation as resources allow.



Given the dire economic situation in Zimbabwe, we need ongoing financial support to help resource the work of the Training Centre. We continue to offer valued educational sponsorships to the poorest secondary school students and are so grateful for our ongoing faithful sponsors but demand always outstrips availability. Do look at our current sponsorship brochure if you or a group feel led to sponsor a student - either a full or part sponsorship would be a great encouragement. Also, we offer gift vouchers to help finance our different projects. Again, take look at our brochure should you be interested in this for Christmas and beyond.

### PRAYER POINTS

- The continuing fruitfulness of the Training Centre projects into 2025 in such economically dire circumstances.
- The health of all the staff and teachers who live in poor conditions.
- Jonah Masaka who retires at the end of this year after his long and faithful ministry leading the work. He will maintain some consultancy oversight as the centre transitions to team leadership and he will continue working with the Bible School projects. Pray he will enjoy a long and happy retirement with the new projects he is planning.
- The development of the SEAN Discipleship teaching to take root and grow in 2025.



**Thank you for your interest and support and may God give you a happy, peaceful and joyful Christmas and many more blessings in 2025.**

**Rev. Lynda Hulcoop, on behalf of PCNI**