

ferent churches, dioceses and locations. Also, pray for the newly selected Study Partners, who will be starting their various courses this term, that they will settle into educational life, build relationships with faculty and fellow students, and begin to assimilate the learning on theological and biblical subjects.

28 Pray for the Alexandria School of Theology, Egypt, which is planning to start an MA Theology course at the beginning of this academic year. Currently, BEST supports eight students from different churches around the country studying for Bachelor of Theology degrees. Praise God for the School's vision to "raise up Christian leaders, clergy and lay people, to serve Christ in the Anglican Communion as well as in other churches in our region of the world."

29. Four Study Partners in South Africa; Mvuselelo Radebe, Tshepang Mgoza, Michelle Palani

and Prince Nyembe, are half way through the year-long biblical foundational courses being run at Johannesburg Bible College. Please pray for them as they continue to learn and be equipped for service in new church plants worshipping and ministering in Soweto and Sophiatown.

#### ZIMBABWE

30 Pray for the women's work at the Theological College of Zimbabwe. This programme seeks to equip the wives of church leaders to fulfil the leadership roles they will be given in local churches. Pray for the women to be equipped for faithful and godly service in the church in Zimbabwe, and for opportunities for them to disciple other women (who make up 70% of the local church).

31 Continue to pray for the political climate in Zimbabwe and the tenuous power sharing agreement between the two main parties. Pray that the Church in Zimbabwe may be both bold and wise in its spiritual leadership.

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#### SOUTH AFRICA

1 Please pray for Grace Community Church in Macassar. Macassar is an established predominantly Cape coloured community of 60,000, now seeing a large influx of refugees from other African countries. Dean and Paula Finnie and their boys Joel and Eli joined the Grace Community Church last year and are working in the community as part of the church leadership team.

2 Please pray for the Bible Institute Eastern Cape, where Jamie and Helen Read are placed. Pray for a replacement for Principal Vernon Light who steps down at the end of the year, and pray for good teamwork and communication for the current faculty.

3 Sihle Mooi asks us to pray for Soweto Community Church, that the young leadership would rest in the Lord and rely on him to build His church. Pray for the Growth Groups and their leaders, student work at the University of Johannesburg, led by Vuyi and Tshepang, and the schools ministry at Thaba Jabula High School led by Jerry and Prince.

4 The former minister of Christ Church Glenwood has left the church, leaving Ray Brown to take the helm. Please pray that Ray will adjust well to his new role and that both he and his wife Rebecca would be confident that God would continue his good work in

each of them until completion at the Day of Christ.

5 Nat and Helen Schluter report that after a long search and much prayer Johannesburg Bible College has bought a building in Auckland Park and the renovations are underway to make it suitable for the needs of the college - praise God for this provision. Please pray for resources to complete the renovations, and that this new building will facilitate more ministry and training.

#### WORLDWIDE

6 Chris and Lotta Strajnic have been working in Novi Sad, Serbia since 2001. From 2005 they worked as colleagues with Crosslinks mission partners, Rob and Trish MacCurrach, training church leaders and members. Please pray for them all.

**SUNDAY** 7 In Togo Sena and Jane Ounate Lare have been working with church plants in Dapaong. While they are in the UK on leave, please pray for the remaining church leaders, Benoit, Nakpergou, Gnoate, Damiedou and Jacob.

8 Pray for David and Rachel Williams, seconded to CMS and working in Australia. David is training new CMS mission partners:

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Tim Wambunya is Principal of Carlile College in Nairobi.

Tim and Gertrude are both Kenyan. They lived in North London for seven years until 2008, where Tim was Team Vicar at Emmanuel Church, Tollington.

Gertrude was employed by the Kenyan High Commission, writing a monthly newsletter for them.

*See 13 June*

CMS wants to increase the number of missionaries going to Muslim countries and David has been involved with formulating proposals. Please pray for guidance and wisdom in this.

#### CHURCH PLANTS UK

9 Pray for John and Flick Hindley, ministers at The Plant in Manchester, that they would continue to trust God over their future as they look to move and begin a new ministry and that they would hand over their work at the Plant to their replacements Mike and Melissa Tindall as effectively as possible.

10 Remember John and Louise Keymer, also ministers at The Plant in Manchester, that they would help the students who are graduating this summer to make wise decisions about how they can use their future to serve Jesus. Pray that graduates would serve God not money, and use all their gifts for His glory.

11 Pray for Tim Davies, the head pastor at Christ Church Central Sheffield, that God would give him insight into his Word and a desire for holiness as he teaches Christ Church how God calls them to live counter-culturally. Please pray that the Church would become unashamed of living distinctively in this "crooked generation".

12 Pray for Simon Dowdy, senior minister at Grace Church Dulwich, that he would teach members of his church who face job insecurity or redundancy to trust that God has riches laid up for them in Heaven that will never be lost. Pray that

members of Grace Church would care for each others needs and adorn the gospel.

#### KENYA

13 Tim Wambunya is Principal of Carlile College. He gives thanks for the commitment of the students, and asks that we pray for their training and economic needs and for those who have pledged to donate to the college bursary and emergency funds.

**SUNDAY** 14 Alison Talbert is attached to the Kenya Medical Research Institute/Wellcome Trust Research Unit at Kilifi as a medical researcher and doctor working mainly with severely malnourished children. She asks that we continue to pray for Kenya's troubled political arena, for wisdom and moderation for those in power and that ordinary people would have advocates to listen to and work for their concerns.

15 Noj Northway's main focus is the development of the new sixth form for St Andrew's School in Turi - due to open in September 2010. Building work is well underway for the new classrooms and staff houses. Lots of interest has been shown as the school markets this exciting new stage: the vision continues to be to influence young people with the gospel during their time at the school.

16 Giles Roberts is the Estate Manager of St Andrew's School, and is also very involved in the development of the new sixth form. Pray for him, his wife Annie and their family,

to continue providing financially for the school, and for the Lord to fill the void left by Steve Smith when he returns to the UK this summer, having served on the faculty since 2007.

20 Craig and Claudia Smith work at the National Teacher's College (NTC), Kabale. Craig is training secondary maths teachers and 'upgrading' primary school teachers. As well as teaching maths, he aims to explore with students what it means to be a Christian teacher in schools. Claudia is setting up a counselling service for staff and students.

#### UNITED KINGDOM

21 Pray for Kola and Ada Ajomale, based in Walsall, teaching the gospel to youth in local schools. Pray that God would open the hearts of the young people they have been reaching out to so that they give their lives to Jesus. Please continue to pray that Kola would be provided with the finances he needs.

22 For Henry and Dinah Shaheen who work among Assyrian people in Europe, that they would be given wisdom in balancing their work and family lives and that God would continue to open many doors for partnership in this ministry with European churches. Pray for insight into how best to reach Assyrians.

23 Remember in prayer Lee McMunn, working as a national evangelist for the UK and based at St John's Newland in Hull, that God would help him equip many Christians to articulate the gospel persuasively. Pray that God would

use him to fish many people for his Kingdom and to teach other Christians to do the same.

#### THE CROSSLINKS FAMILY

24 Give thanks for the many men and women who have faithfully supported Crosslinks over the years through prayer and sacrificial giving of time and money. Pray that the Crosslinks Family may continue to be strong and supportive of one another.

25 Remember and give thanks for the various Crosslinks prayer groups meeting around the country (details are on the back of the current Crosslinks magazine). Pray for the group leaders as they prepare for each meeting.

**SUNDAY** 26 Please pray for mission partner Pradip. Following an accident in April when he broke a bone in his upper leg, and a complicated operation to repair it, he had plenty of time to talk to the staff at the hospital. "They heard that I was a 'pastor figure' and would come and unload their burdens and we would pray together. It is amazing how God uses these opportunities for his glory." Please pray for Pradip's continued recovery, and for his wife Amita.

#### BEST

27 Please remember those BEST Study Partners who are experiencing changes this summer. Pray for the 15 recent graduates taking up the roles and ministries for which they have been trained, some in dif-



Lee and Vicky McMunn live in Hull. Lee studied at Wycliffe Hall and moved to work at St John Newland in the summer of 2005, where Lee is a curate with particular responsibilities for evangelism. He is keen to develop evangelist partnerships with other churches and Christians both within the UK and further afield.

Lee has been accepted as a Crosslinks Associate working in the UK.

*See 23 July*

## PRAYER FOCUS



Robert and Sharon Heaney have done theological study and research in London, Dublin, Belfast and Oxford. They both have PhDs in theology and are committed to using this training to train others.

Robert is ordained in the Church of Ireland and has, most recently, been doing research at Oxford University as well as helping out in local ministry.

Sharon teaches Religious Studies part-time at Ixham School and looks after Sam.

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knowledge and all discernment, so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ....'

### SUNDAY

12 Crosslinks Senior Camp (12-17 year olds) runs 25 July to 1 August at Greenhill YMCA, Newcastle. The Bible Teachers are Mike Morfett and Geoff Haugh (Junior Camp) and Peter Bourke and Tim Anderson (Senior Camp). Please remember them in prayer, that their teaching will be firmly grounded in Scripture.

13 Give thanks for Crosslinks in Ireland. Pray that God will continue to use Crosslinks to achieve his purposes and plans - "to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth." (Ephesians 1: 10). Pray for wisdom concerning the future direction of Crosslinks in Ireland. Give thanks for the work of Brian Blacoe, Hazel Coulter, Pam Smyth and Val Ellis.

14 Robert and Sharon Heaney plan to go to Tanzania in 2010. They will be joining the School of Theology and Religious Studies, St John's University, Tanzania. Robert and Sharon will be delivering current courses and developing future post-graduate and research programs. They are visiting Northern Ireland at the end of July. Please pray that individuals and churches will partner with them in this vital gospel work.

15 Give thanks for Andy Lines, Crosslinks Mission Director, visiting Northern Ireland 27-30 July. He is hoping to meet with Rectors and visit the Crosslinks Senior Camp.

Please pray that his time in Northern Ireland will be a great encouragement and support to others to contend for the faith.

### UGANDA

16 Gill Olaaka is the Country Director of Oasis Uganda, a locally registered NGO which was set up to run projects which provide holistic care to vulnerable and destitute children and their families in slum areas. Her husband Carlos is actively involved in sports ministry both in their church and with other organisations in a voluntary capacity. Please pray for them both.

17 Rosie Button meets with the Women in Theology group at the Uganda Christian University in Mukono, and reports lots of fun and good prayer times together. She asks us to pray for Mercy, Betty and Sarah who are leaving this year to begin or return to parish ministries.

18 John Patterson, writing from the Bunyoro-Kitara Diocesan Training Centre, reports that Alpha courses continue to be a blessing. The course members' manual has now been translated into Runyoro, and that is another step forward in making the material accessible. Next term learning how to use the course will become a regular part of Lay Reader training there.

### SUNDAY

19 Pray for the Kampala Evangelical School of Theology, an indigenous Bible school, to continue training faithful gospel workers for the Ugandan church. Pray for God

and also for Senior School Head Adrian Palmer in this exciting time of change.

17 A series of small books under the overall title 'Pray, Prepare, Preach' are being produced by 'The Good Book Company' to help pastors in the majority world who have few resources. The series provides simple outlines and some relevant background and guidance to help pastors teach a book of the Bible section by section. Two Kenyan pastors, Silas Hopillo and Robert Matati are working with Doug Johnson on producing suitable material for a book on Exodus in this series. Please pray for this.

18 Rob and Sue Martin live and work in Marsabit among a strongly Muslim community. Rob writes: "Today I waved to a friendly imam I know. Two days ago an elderly Rendille spat a blessing on my hand. But how do we get from there to sharing the gospel? Pray for us as we wrestle with these questions."

19 Pray for Ben Shikwati, currently studying and tutoring at George Whitfield College in South Africa. Pray that his studies would equip him for his long-term work at the African Institute for Contemporary Mission and Research (AICMAR) in Butere. Pray too for those he tutors to become wise and faithful Bible teachers.

### EUROPE (EU)

20 French speaking Belgium epitomises the spiritual battlefield that is continental Europe: largely secular

and resistant to the Gospel. Steve and Dawn Orange are working in the church in Woluwé where Steve is actively involved in the church's leadership. He is an 'elder in training', preaching and leading services, whilst developing new and existing ministries. Please pray for him and Dawn.

### SUNDAY

21 Please pray for Edward and Laura Nelson in Paris, France, where Edward is leading a church plant. Pray for the gospel to bear fruit there, with people coming to trust Christ personally and be built up as they hear his Word (the church is studying John's Gospel together). Pray for wisdom as they seek to structure this young church for a fruitful future ministry.

22 Peter and Miranda Harris, based in France, ask for prayer for two Arocha conferences in Singapore and Kuala Lumpur in July on Christian belief, environmental issues and health concerns. Pray for A Rocha film-maker Melissa Ong who is heading up the organisation.

23 Thank God for the children's ministry which is expanding in the church in Mantes-La-Jolie, France, where Andy and Uta Buckler work. Please continue to pray for enough volunteers to help. Thank God also for the new marriage course and home groups which have started this year, and pray that they will all bear fruit.

### MOZAMBIQUE

24 Peg Cumberland is involved with community based health care in

## PRAYER FOCUS



Steve and Dawn Orange serve in the the evangelical church of Woluwé St Lambert in Brussels.

This is a small but growing congregation, planted in the early 1980's. It is well placed to reach out to a nearby university and to the large EC and business district: two communities largely untouched by Belgian Protestant Church.

Steve and Dawn have four children: Jemima, Max, Zebedee and Nelly.

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Following training in biblical and intercultural studies, Richard and Bianca Reeve began work with the Church in Mozambique. encouraging community bible studies, self-reliant churches and healthy finances for families.

Richard is from Stockport (Greater Manchester), Bianca is from Bahia, North East Brazil. They have three children: Myles, Anabel and Oscar.

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the Diocese of Niassa. Pray for her and the small team (largely of volunteers) that she works with. Pray for stamina for them all in the face of many needs.

25 Andrew and Caroline Maclean are Associate Mission Partners, for many years working in Mozambique and involved with development work with DFID and Aids awareness. Pray for daily refreshment for them and their family.

26 Richard and Bianca Reeve are involved in marriage preparation teaching. For a sequence of Friday evenings, the couples they work with come to their home for a meal and work through material on aspects of married life. Pray for Richard and Bianca and the young people they are helping.

#### SMILE

27 The team of five graduates, serving among students in Port Elizabeth (South Africa) for the last 10 months returned yesterday. Praise the Lord for all he accomplished in and through them, for his sovereignty and loving kindness in all situations. Pray for the team to settle back into life in the UK.

#### SUNDAY

28 The three gap teams returned to the UK in May. Praise God for keeping the teams safe, for teaching them and keeping them in His love. Thank Him too for those who hosted the teams - for their sacrificial love and service. Pray for the 28 team members and six leaders to continue to live in the Lord Jesus and to be salt and light.

29 A Smiler is in an Asian country working with small groups and doing one to one discipleship. Pray for her to have a good time while back in the UK this summer before returning for a second year. Pray for increasing insight into culture, learning the language, and fruitfulness in her work.

30 Smilers Joe Hadfield (Kenya) and Ben and Rachel Tanner (France) return to the UK this summer. Pray for them to readjust to being home; to maintain relationships with those they have left; ongoing links with the places where they have been serving; and wisdom in planning for the future.

#### JULY

#### CROSSLINKS

1 The annual General Council Residential meeting finished yesterday. The focus was on the nature of the relationship between staff and trustees, and the future direction of the work in Ireland. Pray that Crosslinks would be a more effective servant of God's children engaged in world mission as a result.

2 We give thanks for the Lord's provision of finance for running Crosslinks in 2008. Please pray that He will make the resources (financial and otherwise) available for us to do more in 2009. Pray that we would use it wisely and appropriately.

3 Pray for the governance review seeking proposals that give more continuity and a wider skills base to our trustee body. Pray for

the new trustees who started last month to be understanding and effective in steering Crosslinks in difficult economic times and times of considerable change.

4 Pray today for the ongoing discussions concerning the future direction and priorities of Crosslinks in Ireland. A small review group of Mel Lacy (Council Vice Chair), Bryan Kerr, Margaret West, Giles Rawlinson and Andy Lines are trying in consultation with others to plot the way forward. Junior Camp begins in Rostrevor, Northern Ireland.

#### SUNDAY

5 Give thanks for Giles Rawlinson, Peter Gordon, Yemi Lawal, Lynda Blake and Peter Cottingham and all the improvements to Crosslinks systems over the past year.

Pray for this new grouping of people serving the other staff teams that they will have an understanding of the vital role they perform to enable God's mission around the world.

6 Today in Westminster Central Hall Crosslinks and others will be participating in the launch of the Fellowship of Confessing Anglicans. This is the movement taking up the momentum of the Global Anglican Future Conference (GAFCON) held in Jerusalem last June. Pray that we will be faithful, humble and gracious.

#### ASIA

7 Thank God for the wedding of Josh to Ye-Ying in April. Pray for them as they settle into newly married life and for their ministry in south-east Asia together. Later this

year they will come to the UK for a period of study at Oak Hill College.

8 Pray for David and Jenn with Caleb and Jemima involved in returnee ministry in south-east Asia. Pray for them as they continue with their language study and thank God for the progress they have made so far. Pray for David as he takes on more responsibilities at the Sunday congregation.

9 Pray for Jill as she prepares to leave her family behind and return to south-east Asia in August. She will be teaching English in a secondary school and working in the local church, and also doing some advisory work for the staff at a local project for disabled youth.

10 Jo has three roles that she is involved with in south-east Asia. Pray for her to be a good witness to Christ as she teaches English in a local university and for wisdom as she oversees the pastoral work of a group of expatriates for whom she has responsibility. Continue to thank God for the ministry that Jo and her team of local believers have amongst women working in the commercial sex industry. Pray that more of these women will give their lives to Christ and be transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit.

#### IRELAND

11 The Crosslinks Junior Camp for 8 - 11 year olds at the Kilbroney Centre, Rostrevor, finishes today. Please pray Philippians 1: 9-11 for the campers, leaders and cooks: 'And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with



When he joined the staff of Crosslinks last year as Operations Director, Giles Rawlinson wrote:

"I have spent most of my working life working either for small businesses, or charities concerned to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ, most recently as the Chief Administrator of the Christian Medical Fellowship. So I have a broad range of charity management experience, which I trust will be useful for the challenge of moving Crosslinks forward!"

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