

Crosslinks - prayerline 15 August 2008

1. Many of the students that the Crosslinks BEST scheme helps will soon be starting a new academic year. Please remember Harshit and Malini who have just arrived in America for their studies.
2. Two NEXT short-termers are planning to depart soon - to South Africa and Uganda. Pray for them as they prepare – especially for no last minute visa problems.
3. Karen Jefferys is now absent from the London office, pray for her last few weeks of pregnancy. Arrangements for maternity cover for her job are still not complete – pray for Mariana Joseph as she responds to all the mission partner support queries.
4. Miriam Pike has left the Church Partnerships Team – pray for the right person for this job. Pray for Miriam as she moves to work in student ministry at a church in Birmingham.
5. Alan Purser (Church Partnerships) is preaching on Philippians at the NIFES expository preaching conference in Nigeria. Pray that the listeners will be taught to handle God's word correctly.
6. Janet Horsman is still signed off on sick leave – but is making progress.
7. From Nigeria, mission partners Ulric and Annabel Gerry write: "As a family as we feel we have really now settled into living in Abuja." Of their church they add: "Abuja Ark also feels much more established as a part of the community, and we now have a number of people preaching, leading worship and generally getting involved. Abuja can be a bit of a wilderness experience for many people, as there is little to do, and only a small community who are often quite stressed-out with work and living here. Many are on short term contracts, for only one or two years, and so never really make the effort to call Abuja home. Our vision as a church is to provide an 'Ark', a place of safety, support and encouragement, where people can deepen relationships with each other and God, and introduce others to Him."
8. Kola and Ada Ajomale work with youth, and are based with St Matthew's church in Walsall. Kola's contract with the church finishes this month. Please pray for them as they plan for the future.
9. Alison Talbert recently visited the hospital at Mvumi, Tanzania where she used to work. She asks for prayer for: "Mvumi Hospital, its work and witness amid the many changes in its management structure".
10. David Gibbs, minister of Grace Church, Wanstead asks for: "...boldness with our friendships and other relationships. To make the most of every opportunity."
11. Gill Olaaka is the Country Director of Oasis Uganda. The Bambejja Programme cares for vulnerable and orphaned girls. She writes "Please pray for one 15 year old girl who used to be at Bambejja and who was resettled with relatives in a village. She recently contacted staff saying that she has left that home and not to worry about her. We of course are very concerned; we sense a man is involved and that she will regret her decision in future. Please pray she will see sense and be taken care of."
12. Alun and Debbie Burt in South Africa have recently begun to foster a small boy, Likhona. Pray for the family adjustments, and for their work amongst the homeless and with vulnerable children.