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Five things to pray for mission workers in a pandemic



Michael Prest, UFM Worldwide Director

As we all face the challenges of these COVID-19 days, your prayers for the work of the gospel around the world are so appreciated.

Drawing on our recent staff team readings in the Psalms, here are five ways you might pray for mission workers at this time.

1. A close walk with the Lord

"You, God, are my God, earnestly I seek you; I thirst for you, my whole being longs for you, in a dry and parched land where there is no water." (Psalm 63:1)

In the midst of so many changes, challenges and uncertainties, please pray that God would help UFM workers to grow in love for the Lord, fix their

eyes on Jesus and be satisfied by the living water of the Holy Spirit.

2. A confidence in the Lord for the present

"Come and see what God has done, his awesome deeds for mankind! ... He rules forever by his power, his eyes watch the nations – let not the rebellious rise up against him." (Psalm 66:5,7)

Life is disorientating for many of us, wherever we are. How much more for those serving in a cross-cultural context. Please pray that mission workers would rest on God their rock, remembering that the Lord does not change and the riches of Christ are sufficient for any and every circumstance.

Pray especially for those whose regular ministry is radically affected - for

wisdom to take new opportunities and trust to wait on the Lord.

3. A love for the people they serve

"May the peoples praise you, God; may all the peoples praise you. May the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you rule the peoples with equity and guide the nations of the earth. May the peoples praise you, God; may all the peoples praise you." (Psalm 67:3,5)

With the pressures of the pandemic, it would be easy to look inwards and shrink back. Please pray that mission workers would go on loving those they have gone to serve.

Praise God for UFM workers serving: refugees in Thailand facing financial hardship; students across Europe suffering with mental

health challenges; the urban poor in Peru lacking basic daily needs; communities in Uganda as they grapple with the health impact of COVID-19. May they go on loving their neighbours in deeds and in truth that many more might come to be glad!

Pray too that mission workers would be humble to learn from the different responses they see in the lives of their brothers and sisters around the world.

4. A confidence in the Lord for the future

"I lift up my eyes to the mountains – where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth." (Psalm 121:1,2).

Please pray for those facing significant uncertainties – a number are facing visa challenges, unable to return to their place of service; others don't know when they will be able to return to see family and friends; still others are asking big questions about the viability of their

previous ministry. Such questions can be hugely unsettling.

Please pray that workers will have hope in the Lord and an openness to what he may be doing.

5. Opportunities for the gospel to be shared and people to be saved

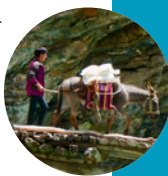
"Open wide your mouth and I will fill it." (Psalm 81:10)

What a joy to hear stories of people coming to faith during lockdown, like the man in a small town in Ireland and two men from North Africa baptised in France.

Pray that God may go on opening the mouths of his people, filling them with his word, that they might speak for him and that people might then respond in repentance and faith.

With our very warm greetings in Christ,

Michael



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“Leave everything”, God told Duba in her dream

Jayne serves alongside her husband *Lamin* in children's and youth work, and church-strengthening ministries in Sierra Leone.

It was 2015 in northern Sierra Leone, when Duba, a churchgoer with no personal relationship with Christ, had a dream, “God spoke to me with the message that I was to leave all to follow him”.

It was the beginnings of God's call on her life. She moved to Freetown and friends encouraged her to start going to Grace Community Church, where she noticed a unity and care amongst the believers.

Thriving under Biblical teaching and fellowship, Duba's faith and understanding of the gospel grew. Hungry for God's Word, she joined our Tyrannus Bible Institute and we saw her develop a Christ-centred character, and love of Scripture.

Almost immediately, we saw Duba's passion for mission and the least-reached. After a short-term mission trip, to northern Sierra Leone, she began to think about her family's remote village. After much prayer and sharing the need with others, she joined a mission team there in 2018.



What happened in that village is an amazing testimony of God's grace, and his work through one person with a heart to see the gospel penetrating spiritually dark places. It is a place of spiritual fear where charms and sacrifices are common. Traditional 'healers' use magic, and blood-covenant membership to male and female secret societies

is required for coming of age. As the team have shared the gospel message of one mediator to an all-powerful God, who calls allegiance to him, a number have come to faith. Despite the challenges, a church has been established. Please pray for further spiritual breakthrough, and for new believers to walk in the truth of Jesus' power over forces of evil.



Meanwhile Duba has been loving and serving others, volunteering with a Christian organisation in a slum community. Through our 'Standing for Christ' discipleship group, she has become better equipped to take her stand for Christ amid the dominating cultural practices. We have learnt much from God's Word and from each other in one-to-one Bible study

this year and I am thankful for her friendship.

Duba's decision to follow God has cost her. She has had to wrestle with family and cultural pressure to marry. We continue to encourage her in her desire to serve God faithfully in singleness and only marry someone she can serve God alongside.

Duba experiences the normal physical and societal problems endemic in Sierra Leone. Most of



her family do not understand her commitment to serve God. But in the challenges, Duba sees God's work in her life and testifies of his constant help, and the support of believers, 'God has changed me completely; he has done wonderful things in my life.'

We are thrilled that Duba will be volunteering with us from November, primarily in youth ministries. Pray for her, and others like her, who boldly follow God in this culture.

I admit, I was grateful for Lockdown in Slovenia

Lydia Adams works in student ministry in Slovenia

I'm ashamed to say that the COVID-19 lock-down came as rather a blessing. While acknowledging the trauma of this time for many, it felt strange to be breathing a sigh of relief to be able to take a break.

Serving students as a mission worker here in Slovenia has been an uphill struggle. I arrived from the UK,

encountered, nor the conflicts that I would bring with all my expectations and insecurities. It has been – and still is – slow going, as many warned me, but I have slowly learned and adapted. Through many trials and errors, the movement has started to grow. Finally, after eight years here, I feel as if I am doing something slightly similar to what I thought I'd be doing.

It has been hard work getting groups of students to start meeting regularly in three university cities but, prior to lockdown, we had more students attending than ever before. Zveš was more known and accepted by churches. Students were beginning to reach out more, and for me, the cherry on top was that a student was planning a mission week, the first of its kind in Slovenia. But God was about to show us that this was not our work, but His, and true growth is often not outwardly visible.

Whilst all these developments are encouraging, they took their toll on our small team. So when lockdown was announced, I was sad to postpone the mission week, but glad to be able

where the student Christian Unions movement (UCCF) was thriving, to a country which has never had a stable student group. I arrived unaware of the past conflicts that Zveš (Slovene Christian Union Movement) had





Preseren square, Ljubljana, empty in Lockdown, Soru Epotok/Shutterstock.com



to take time for regular walks and runs for exercise. Having our meetings online meant I had time to compose music and be creative again, all things that I had been 'too busy' to do, often putting aside these life-giving activities for work.

and my body, but is only interested in my spirituality. But those are lies; he is the best boss we could have: gentle, understanding, and he cares deeply about our welfare.

During lockdown, mentoring and counselling students (the part of my work that I most enjoy) was severely restricted. But God showed me that he has been at work more than ever, doing work that no human could ever do, deep in the heart of the students and me. He has been testing us, stretching us, renewing and refreshing us, showing up our idols and human limitations; all the while revealing himself to be the one

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One of the realisations that came to me during lockdown is that I should treat myself the way God would treat me. I often believed that God was either a hard task master who demands that I work until I drop, or that he doesn't care how I treat myself

in control, ruling in chaos yet close to us and intensely personal. During lockdown I've experienced the truth of Hosea 6: 1, "Come, let us return to the LORD; for he has torn us, that he may heal us; he has struck us down, and he will bind us up."



Characteristics of a Sending Church

Brandon Nelson is UFM Worldwide's Area Director for Northern England, the Midlands and North Wales.



Our God is a sending God. The Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world and Jesus sent the church to make that message of salvation known (1 John 4:14; John 20:21).

While in one sense this is true of every believer, God also calls certain believers to do gospel work in other places. The New Testament encourages churches to send these kinds of workers and gives examples of those who did just that (Romans 10:14-15; 2 Corinthians. 8:19, 23; Philippians. 2:25-30).

In Acts 13:1-4 we read about the church in Antioch sending Barnabas and Saul to do the work that God had called them to do. In this church we find a number of helpful characteristics which help us to see what it looks like to be a sending church.

They are first a receiving church (Acts 11:19-26)

Before the church in Antioch was a sending church, they were a receiving church. The grace of God had been at work among them. When they gave,


they gave out of what they had first received from the Lord.

They received the gospel (Acts 11:19-20)

The church began after Jewish believers travelled to Antioch due to persecution in Jerusalem. When they arrived they began spreading the message of the gospel. Some of them only shared with fellow Jews, but others shared with Gentiles as well. By the grace of God, many came to faith in Christ and a multi-ethnic church was born.

They received outside help (Acts 11:21-26)

When the church in Jerusalem heard about what was happening in Antioch, they sent Barnabas to them. When he arrived, he rejoiced over the grace of God that he could see at work in their lives and encouraged them to remain faithful to the Lord. He then brought Saul there and together they met with this young church for a year, teaching the word as the church bore witness to Christ in their community.





A sending church is a church that has first seen the grace of God at work in their own midst. When they give, they give out of what they have first received.

Application 1

What are some of the ways you have experienced the grace of God at work in your own church?

The next few editions of 4 Corners will include a series of Bible studies looking at some characteristics of sending and supporting churches. If you are a church leader, feel free to use these in your church!

How would an awareness of the grace of God in your church help you to send mission workers elsewhere?

They care about needs in other places (Acts 11:27-30)

Before the church in Antioch sent Barnabas and Saul, they demonstrated a concern for needs outside their locality.

Prophets from Jerusalem had visited the church in Antioch. One named Agabus prophesied about an upcoming famine. When the church

heard, they responded by taking up a collection to help their brothers and sisters in Judea and sent it by way of Barnabas and Saul.

A sending church cares about needs in other places. They find out about people and places that need assistance and do what they can to help.



Application 2

What are some ways this kind of care can be cultivated across the whole congregation?

How can having a personal relationship with a worker in another place be a mutual help to the worker and the church? Are there some ways this can be further developed in your church?

In a world filled with so much need, how do you determine which needs to help with?

Next time: A sending church prioritises worship, takes action, gives sacrificially, and maintains concern.

We came here to ask you, what did you do to Beto?

Marcelo and Holly Vieira serve in church ministry in Benevides, Brazil

They arrived late, eyes anxious, and fidgeted throughout the study. As Marcelo spoke, he couldn't help but notice a group of unfamiliar faces. When the Bible study ended, the group sprang up to approach Marcelo.

They introduced themselves, then said nervously, "We came here to ask you, what did you do to Beto? He's a totally different person."

My husband, Marcelo, our two daughters and I, are honoured to serve in a church plant in a neighbourhood built around a rubbish dump. A visit to the dump can be a sensory overload: the stench of rotting trash; the sound of rumbling rubbish trucks; the sun beating down as sweat drips into your

eyes, seeing people – even children – sorting through the rubbish. The first time we visited, we were impacted by the poverty, violence and hunger, but even more, by the hopelessness and desperation we saw on many faces. We longed to share the hope we have in Christ.

In 2013, Marcelo started pastoring a church for those in the community who wanted to learn more about Jesus. Since *Igreja Bíblica Espaço Emanuel* started, we feel we've had front row seats to what Psalm 107 powerfully describes: "Let the redeemed of the LORD tell their story, those he redeemed from the hand of the foe ... They were hungry



and thirsty, and their lives ebbed away. Some sat in darkness, in utter darkness, prisoners suffering in iron chains. Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he saved them from their distress. He brought them out of darkness ... and broke away their chains ... He sent out his word and healed them; he rescued them from the grave." (Psalm 107:2-20)

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When we met Beto, he was living with another woman after years of infidelity, drunkenness, drug-use, and fights – often physical – with his long-term girlfriend, Patricia. They had started dating after meeting at a party when Patricia was 13; at 15 she had their first child, Junior. Following a miscarriage after a fight, they had another daughter, Beatriz.

Then Beto was invited to the church's weekly men's group where he heard a Bible message after playing football. He began attending the church services with his family. They came because they longed for change. Could God change Beto?

Beto heard of a loving God who wants a relationship with us, but that sin separates us from him. He didn't need convincing that he was a sinner, in chains, in need of a Saviour. In God's perfect timing, the Holy Spirit convinced Beto of Christ's saving and



life-changing power and he trusted in Jesus as his Saviour. Soon afterwards, that night at the Bible study, we were reminded of God's transformative power. We didn't "do anything to" Beto, Marcelo explained – God had.

For Beto's family and friends, the change was incomprehensible – to walk past the bar and no longer see him drunk; to witness Patricia, through the grace of God, forgive Beto; to see 34 year-old Beto return to school to learn to read and write so he could better read and share God's word.

Now you'll find Beto's entire family at church, often with old drinking buddies and extended family in tow. We've seen that people don't largely start seeking Christ merely because of mission workers or church activities, but due to the transformation in friends and family who become followers of Christ – the redeemed of the Lord, sharing their story of how he brought them out of the darkness and broke their chains.

Photos, left to right: Patricia and Beto, Marcelo and locals, outreach at the dump

Reaching women living with abuse in Spain

Victoria* ministers to immigrants and ethnic minorities in Spain

**“It’s been very hard for you.”
At my words, Sarah’s eyes
welled up with tears. She sat in
the reception area of our centre,
in an immigrant ghetto of the
Spanish town.**

It was our first conversation – she had come to sign up for classes, and like many we meet, it was the first time she’d felt safe confiding in someone.

“I arrived five months ago ... I’d only met my husband twice before our marriage ... He is very controlling ... I don’t know anyone here ... I’ve had a miscarriage ...” An educated woman, brought up to submit to her father and then her husband, she was alone in a foreign country, dependent on her husband for everyday life and for her residence papers.

The district consists of blocks of flats which (sometimes illegally) house

Spaniards, Roma, Latin Americans and North Africans. It is not an easy area – one of our team has made friends with a local drug dealer; another North African was recently arrested for radical online messages. Sarah had reason to miss home.

She started coming to classes and blossomed as she met other young women trying to find their feet. But it was short-lived: her husband forbade her from coming, and then broke her mobile. Luckily, she’d written down my number and had an old phone that she had hidden away.

When lockdown began, her husband was working night shifts and we would frequently talk into the small hours. These were some of the most precious times of ministry for me, as we each curled up on our sofas, and talked about our lives and our faiths. When I had lived in North Africa, I

had never had an educated North African friend like Sarah, who was so earnest to know the truth.

Sarah and I had wonderfully honest conversations. One time, as she questioned the incarnation, I responded, "Who are you to tell God that he can't take on human form?" "You're right," she admitted. On another occasion, she explained how she fulfilled her religion's requirements to pray and fast. I challenged her about the inconsistency of the religiosity she has been taught, where much outward ritual is thought to please God, yet there is no concern about the hatred, hurt and brokenness in family relationships underneath. She became very indignant. Usually I would finish our conversations by praying and reminding her that God was true and that she should never be afraid of seeking the truth.

But there came a turning point during their month of fasting, "Will you still be my friend even if I don't become a Christian?" When I assured her that I would, she withdrew into her religious practices. She is still lonely, vulnerable, and has serious health problems during her present pregnancy, but whenever I bring up a spiritual topic, she becomes evasive.

Situations like this leave me feeling impotent and uncertain. Just how widespread is domestic abuse and what should be our role? It is hard to see these women clinging to a system of practices that has led to

such difficult family situations. "They gloried in their prison bars, believing their caging proved their status and value."¹ Liliás Trotter writes, reflecting on her years of loving and witnessing to Muslims from the same part of the world. It seems that fulfilling religious requirements gives a sense of control in these women's precarious lives.



There is spiritual blindness; this is a spiritual battle and our fiercest weapon is prayer. He can transform the hardest heart, release captives and produce God-glorifying relationships: "I will give them an undivided heart and put a new spirit in them; I will remove from them their heart of stone and give them a heart of flesh." (Ezekiel 11:19). Please pray for many like Sarah. Pray that as a team we can learn how to wisely respond to situations of domestic abuse, for Jesus' glory.

**Some names and identities have been changed.*

¹Huffman Rockness, M. (1999) A Passion for the Impossible, the Life of Liliás Trotter, Discovery House Publishers

“Is it OK if I bring 12 non-Christians to the service?”

Emmanuel and Maria Hartiel work in church ministry and evangelism in Guingamp, Brittany

Julien left the Jehovah's Witness movement, hungry for spiritual truth – one of a number just like him whom we've been amazed to see the Lord bring us into contact with in recent years. Then there's Hassan, a refugee from a Muslim background, whose heart has been touched by biblical truth.

These are the small numbers of disparate people we have seen come to faith in this coastal French town with a football stadium that holds more than twice the city's population! The baptism of these two men this summer was a highlight of 2020.

It has been a joy to see Hassam's spiritual growth and heartfelt response to biblical truth during one-to-one Bible studies with Emmanuel in preparation for his baptism; and Julien too, has a real hunger to study God's Word and share the gospel.

“Is it OK if I bring 12 non-Christians to the service?” is not a question we get asked every day – in fact, it was definitely a first. It came from one of

these men as we prepared for their baptism service. However, in the context of social distancing, we were limited to just 16 people in our church premises at Guingamp. Thankfully God enabled us to use a larger church building 22 miles away where we could have a congregation of 34. As with our weekly Sunday service, we also filmed using Zoom so that others were able to participate.

It was a joy to hear the very different testimonies of both men that day. Hassan gave a moving testimony of God's grace in his life and his joy at being part of the family of God.

These strange times have challenged our plans, and our trust in the power of God to bring about his purposes. 2020 marked the 30th anniversary of the official constitution of the Guingamp





church where we serve. We had discussed a list of ideas to mark this – a great opportunity for witness in the area: a conference, concert, or open day. And then there was coronavirus ...

Another outreach project has also been affected by the lockdown. We had just celebrated another milestone, a year of monthly Sunday services in our young church plant at Plouguernével (30 miles South). The project followed years of contacts and outreach programmes in the area.

Christiane, one of our church members, lives in the nearby town of Rostrenen and for many years we have held a monthly Bible study in her home. At first, occasionally, some of her neighbours came along. Over the years, the number of contacts grew,

and we felt that the Lord was leading us to begin a regular Sunday service.

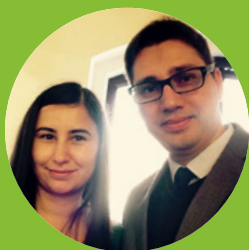
The area that we aim to reach here has a population of around 21,000 with no evangelical church. Last year we averaged around 18 at services, half being members from Guingamp who had come to support. However, since lockdown, local authorities remain hesitant about renting the room, so we need to look for other possibilities for this small, young church. We are glad of the technological means to support church activities, however, and hope to develop these further.

Although we may have been stopped in our tracks, we know that God is sovereign and, therefore, never taken by surprise. His work is ongoing, and his Word will always accomplish his purposes. (Isaiah 55:11). Please pray with us as we seek to witness in what feels like very hard ground around Guingamp and in Central Brittany. We live in a post-modern French society, where old cathedrals mark the landscape, yet for many, religion is seen as being of little or no value.

*Some names and identities have been changed.



Welcome!



Leonardo and Ana Moraes are originally from Brazil. Leonardo has been called to serve as the pastor of the Sete Rios Baptist Church in Lisbon. Leonardo will also be teaching at the Baptist Theological Seminary and at the Portuguese Biblical Institute in Lisbon. Their sending church is Tabor Baptist Church in Llantrisant, Wales.



Olivia Rigby has been working with UCCF in Stoke on Trent for the past three years, having previously served as an IFES Interaction worker in Ljubljana, Slovenia. She joins UFM to return to serve in Slovenia long term. Olivia's sending church is St. John's Church in Hartford.



Emily Wright is serving with UFM's i:Witness programme at Bordeaux Church (International) in France. Emily will work closely with the leadership team to help the church find its feet again after the COVID-19 lockdown, including various outreach evangelism activities. Emily is sent by St George's Church in Gateshead.

FOCUS ON ...

Ireland

Stephen Childs works in evangelism and church planting in Castlebar, Co. Mayo



Ireland can be a confusing place: one island, but two jurisdictions (with an invisible border); Irish (Gaelic) is the first official language yet almost no-one speaks it regularly; we are fiercely proud of our native sports (Gaelic football and hurling) but you may see more teenagers wearing Premier League football shirts.

It is a country where almost 80% identify as Roman Catholic yet over 60% vote in favour of abortion and same-sex marriage, against the wishes of that church. On the western seaboard you can still find green fields, rugged hills, and deserted beaches, yet Dublin city is the buzzing multicultural base of almost every tech company you can think of.

Please pray ...

- for the older generation to exchange non-biblical religion for biblical truth about salvation;
- for young people looking for answers to turn to the Bible;
- for local Christians to be trained and supported for leadership roles;
- for theological maturity and biblical unity within churches;
- for Irish Christians to engage a changing society with biblical wisdom;
- for healthy biblical churches reflecting the ethnic diversity of modern Ireland.



Ireland is...

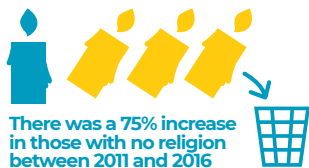


78%
identify
as Roman
Catholic



17% of the
population
born abroad

13% speak
a foreign
language
at home



Fáilte
(fawl-tyeh)
Welcome

Dia duit
(dee-ya gwit)
Hello (literally 'God
be with you')

Meitheal
(meh-hull)
cooperation



Statistics: 2016 Census

The gospel took root here at least as early as St. Patrick (probably 5th century AD), and Irish monks played a key role in preserving the Bible during the Dark Ages. The 18th and 19th centuries saw pockets of evangelistic success as mission workers spread the truth in the Irish language spoken by ordinary people.

The evangelical church remains small ... and dependent on imported leadership. Many towns remain without a gospel church.

Yet despite this rich heritage, the Republic of Ireland remains a country largely untouched by the gospel. 19th century leaders described it as a country where the Reformation never happened: that widespread rediscovery of Biblical truth passed Ireland by. While Northern Ireland is heavily evangelical, political and cultural barriers have hindered the gospel spreading southwards. The evangelical church remains small (some estimates put it at less than one per cent) and dependent on imported leadership. Many towns remain without a gospel church.

But there are signs of hope: the past four decades have seen many new churches spring up. There are church planting initiatives in every corner of the country. Young Irish Christians are increasingly taking up leadership roles previously held by mission workers. The abandonment of traditional religion has made some open to exploring the biblical gospel. Widespread immigration has brought Christians from around the world to swell evangelical churches. Community and family ties remain stronger here than in many European countries, and one conversion can have an impact on a large network of people.

< Cut here, pop in your Bible, and pray for Ireland

What's it like retiring from overseas ministry?

Maureen Wise served adults with special needs in Moldova and founded the Casa Mea charity, providing homes for adults with disabilities who formerly lived in closed institutions

"So what are your retirement plans?" The question posed by a UFM staff worker visiting me in Moldova struck like a bolt from the blue! I was preoccupied by the busyness of the work, enjoying strong attachments to a seeming multitude of people, and feeling very much at home in the country and context in which I was serving.

The question came as a shock both to me and to those with whom I was serving. In retrospect this seems slightly absurd given that I was approaching 70!

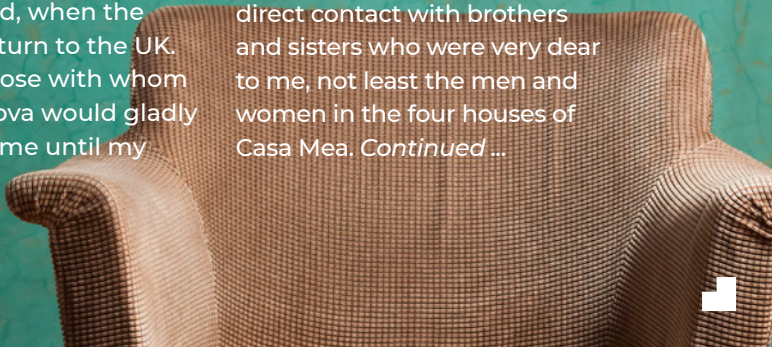
I do however remember giving the question some passing consideration some years previously, when I decided that I would need, when the time arose, to return to the UK. Knowing that those with whom I served in Moldova would gladly have supported me until my

last days, I also knew that we were all fully stretched in the work and that it would not be reasonable to burden them with a dependent member.

So a couple of years later I returned to the UK, but still made visits for two or three months each year to Moldova (prior to COVID-19) and kept in regular contact via Whatsapp.

The first year proved to be mega difficult! I sometimes felt an overwhelming sense of bereavement and loss, which will come as no surprise to all those who have made this transition.

My heart ached to see and to chat to and pray with those I had known. I grieved – and still grieve – the loss of regular direct contact with brothers and sisters who were very dear to me, not least the men and women in the four houses of Casa Mea. *Continued ...*





Life had moved on in the UK and friends' lives had moved on. I was unsure about how to fit in to my home church or what my role should be.

Speaking engagements took me all over the country. I was inwardly moved as I met so many who had prayed for the work and I felt the Lord draw very near during those meetings. It was also possible to pray for, and support in a little way, those preparing to join the work in Moldova and it was wonderful to see God's hand on them. My interest in mission work all over the world has continued.

And through it all God held me fast – the One in whom there is no shadow of turning and who has 'a



time for every purpose under heaven' has kept me and is helping me to adjust. His Word reminds me that we are transitory visitors on this earth wherever he places us and that we are heading to a city which has foundations whose builder and maker is God. We praise him for all that is past and trust him for all that's to come.

"He'll not let my soul be lost
Christ will hold me fast
Bought by him at such a cost
He will hold me fast!"

We have moved!

We give praise to God for our new premises on the outskirts of Swindon. The upstairs office space is now fully functional and is set up in a Covid-secure way for those not able to work from home.

We are especially thankful for the immense amount of renovation work that took place over the summer, led by UFM appointee, Jeremy

Boddington. Jeremy and his team of volunteers have skilfully transformed the office space and continue to work downstairs on creating conference room facilities.

Thank you so much to all who have given so generously to the office move fund. The arrival of the COVID-19 pandemic meant that we stopped actively sharing this partnership

opportunity over the summer. If you missed the opportunity to give, or would like to give towards the second phase, you can now do so online at www.ufm.org.uk/newoffice.

Praise God that an offer has been accepted on our previous premises in Faringdon Road. Please pray the sale would progress smoothly over the coming months.



*Our new office space,
'before' and 'after'*

Christmas Cards

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