

Hello from the Robinsons! – January 2022

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“...And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.” Micah 6:8

Dear friends,

Happy New Year! We hope you enjoyed a super Christmas with friends and/or with family. We had an (enforced) quiet one as several positive Covid tests were present in our household from Christmas Eve! But up until then we had a packed programme – a particular highlight being the Platt Advent Party about which Grace shares about below. Isobel & Sally had a good finish to school. Sally had a Christmas concert in Manchester cathedral where she played 2nd cello in the Trinity orchestra, while Isobel's December was dominated by her mock GCSE's. Do pray for her as she heads into her final few months of study before exams in the summer.

From Grace:

Thanks for praying for the Platt Advent Party. It was a lot of fun! Approx. 40 people attended – a wonderful mix of ages and ethnicities and so much food! We had tasty treats from

Indonesia, South India, Nigeria, Japan, Malaysia, UK to name just a few! This month, we'll hopefully have our first intercultural team meeting, Covid allowing. We now have one man joining the team 😊 Pray on for one or two more! I would value your prayers for 3 racism seminars which are taking place on Sunday evenings at Platt this month: 23rd, 30th Jan & 6th Feb. The first will be a panel of people from Platt who will share their experiences; we then have Richard Reddie, Director of Churches Together in Britain and Ireland; and the final Sunday will be led by OMF Ireland rep. Nathaniel Jennings. Please pray that God will direct those who can be on the panel and also for Richard and Nathaniel as they prepare and deliver their material. May the evenings glorify God and help us to grow closer to one another as a church family and may this be a clear witness to those who have not yet put their trust in Jesus.

Mobilisation & Media (M&M) Team Update:

One of the leading initiatives for the team in the new year will be putting the final touches on the Swanwick conference 11-13 March. Our theme – **Look, Listen, Learn** – is about stepping back, lifting our eyes to the wider world and listening to the richness of voices the Lord has given his Church around the world. We believe that through a deeper listening to the worldwide Church God will enrich our understanding of what faithful witness looks like in today's world. For those who will be in the UK at that time, we want to take this opportunity to encourage you to book your place for the conference. Why not do this by heading to: [Look, Listen, Learn: National Conference 2022 - OMF | UK](#) - Do pray that it is an excellent & well attended event.

Cambodia Prayer Point: His Excellency Hun Manet, Member of the Standing Committee and Chairman of the Central Youth Committee of the Cambodian People's Party, was unanimously elected by the Central Committee of the Party to be the future Prime Minister. (Hun Manet is the eldest son of Prime Minister Hun Sen). No time scales for succession were published yet. Do pray for Cambodia's political future – that it would be stable.

Give thanks:

- for a positive European Candidates Course that at the last minute had to be run online rather than in person.
- for a positive finish to the autumn term for Isobel & Sally
- for a lovely Platt advent party and for Arun (our male member of the intercultural team)

Pray for:

- the whole family to be Covid free as work, school & sports restart next week.
- forthcoming Platt services about race at the end of Jan to be 'life bringing' for all involved – contributing and attending.
- two extended family members having cancer treatment at the moment. Mary, Paul's step-mum on the Robinson side and Grace's Uncle on the Lowe side.



**Thank you for your prayer,
God Bless, lots of love from Paul, Grace, Isobel & Sally**