

Hello from the Robinsons! – April 2022

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“And as he [Jesus] was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: ‘You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased’”. Luke 3:22

Dear friends,

Two conferences dominated March – Swanwick (see box) and the Mobilisation & Media event in Borough Green. It was super & inspiring to hear from the field leader of OMF Taiwan as he shared about the work, outreach and church planting that is happening in several places on the island: with a particular focus on the ‘blue collar’ shop worker communities. He spoke about many exciting opportunities for the good news of Jesus to be shared there...and so it was sobering to hear that only 2 members of the OMF Taiwan team are from the UK! So, if you feel compelled to find out more about what God is doing in Taiwan and how you could get involved (maybe even go on a trip to check it out) do get in touch and do pray on that many would come to know Jesus as Creator, Saviour & King through OMF Taiwan’s work there.

From Grace: Thank you for your prayers about the PCC mtg where I shared the paper on reverse/multi-directional mission. I often struggle with responding well to questions as I don’t find it so easy to think on my feet so I didn’t feel super positive about the actual sharing at PCC although I think the paper itself was clear. I’d value prayer for the next step of sharing with Platt’s Overseas Mission Team.

One thing that I have been pondering recently is the whole area of mono-ethnic churches. I found it helpful to meet with Pastor Lau from Manchester Chinese Church and hear some of his thinking but it was also challenging too to be reminded of the preciousness of worshipping God in one’s own heart language. Platt cannot do this in the same way as a mono-ethnic church, but can we do it in part? Pastor Lau shared that one of the best ways to build community was to enjoy food together!! I agree with this and would appreciate prayer re. implementing this more at Platt. One encouragement has been completing a food hygiene course with a Malaysian lady who would like to be able to serve Platt in this area. Pray that she would have the opportunity to use her gifts in Platt.

Cambodia Prayer Point: On March 17, the Ministry of Health announced that fully vaccinated inbound passengers will no longer be required to show a negative PCR test result 72 hours prior to their arrival in Cambodia and are exempt from a Covid-19 rapid antigen test upon arrival. Visa on Arrival will resume. As OMF Cambodia are preparing for the Field Conference in June, the relaxation of entry regulations will be helpful for short-term workers to come & help the children’s program. Do pray for this event.



Give thanks:

- for the Swanwick event & that it was not prevented by Covid (& pray on that it will be a blessed event for all)
- for a positive Mobilisation & Media event (21-23 March) & the outreach in Taiwan that we heard about.
- for the valuable conversations we had as a Platt Staff team discussing this [Reflect-and-Reset-Race-and-Diversity.pdf \(eauk.org\)](#) survey. Pray for helpful action points to be formed in our next meeting.

Pray for:

- A good Easter holidays – with a right balance of fun, rest, bball & preparation for GCSEs
- Grace - as she has agreed to be a trustee for the [Alexandria Library](#). Pray she would be a helpful addition!
- Mary, Grace’s Uncle & OMF retiree David, in their cancer treatment - to know God’s help & peace.

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