

Hello from the Robinsons! – October 2021

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Heart for Asia. Hope for Billions.

“And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord’s glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.” 2 Corinthians 3:18

Dear friends,

Wow this month has gone fast! Thank you for your ongoing prayer and care for us. After 3 visits to A&E earlier in the month, Grace is gradually on the mend. Thank you for your prayers and thoughtful acts of kindness to us over this time. It has been lovely to have received meals, bunches of flowers and impromptu visits. Do pray on for full and swift healing for Grace in the next few weeks. I managed to make it to Borough Green for the M&M Event which was a positive opportunity to meet colleagues in person and be informed (see box). Both Isobel & Sally have lived with gusto over these past few weeks, they have started school well and are both enjoying playing basketball for the local Manchester Mystics teams in their age groups.

From Grace:

Thanks for your prayers for the HK family. Housing wasn't found in Manchester but friends of the family were able to sort housing further north. I've not been able to do Platt work this month but I have been reminded of what it means to be part of God's family. One particularly anxious night, I received a text at 3am entitled 'Assurance' it spoke about Jesus giving eternal life and went on to say that salvation isn't guaranteed by performance – but by Christ's death on the cross. The Indian lady who sent the text didn't even know that I had been ill – I think she probably sent it during her night shift - to me it was a lovely reminder that God knows what I need and he often provides for our needs through his people. For your prayers: I want to build an intercultural team at Platt made up of a small group of people from different cultural and ethnic backgrounds so that we can better discern how to make wise decisions regards things like if Platt starts a Mandarin Bible study group – what might be the unintended consequences? Or as another example, if Platt has an international carol service (as it has in the past) what are the positives but also the negatives of this?

Mobilisation & Media (M&M) Team Update:

At the recent Mobilisation & Media event that was held at Borough Green this month it was great to connect with the team & enjoy times of fellowship, fun & planning for 2022 (see photos below). We also spent a 'virtual' afternoon with Sandra Richter – She is an Old Testament Scholar from Westmont College in California (USA) with a specialism in Creation Care.



She spoke about her recent book 'Stewards of Eden' in an inspiring and challenging way – calling for all Christians to be engaged in creation care, not as an optional extra, but because the Bible says so. Why not check it out and be inspired too!

Cambodia Prayer Point: Some 276 garment factory workers, mostly women, were injured in traffic accidents in the sector's notoriously dangerous commutes on the backs of trucks in the first half of this year, according to official statistics. Workers frequently stand squeezed in cages on the back of trucks for cheap transportation, a practice repeatedly raised as dangerous for many years. Women have lost arms in accidents and many workers have died over the years. Pray for the roads of Cambodia – for safety, respect for the law & good infrastructure.

Give thanks:

- for the Mobilisation & Media Event (see photo) approx. 18 gathered for 3 days of in person fellowship & training
- for a positive start back in school & clubs for Isobel & Sally
- for a good time of retreat for the Platt Staff team in early September.

Pray for:

- the ongoing recruitment of a Workplace Ministries Project Manager. A fresh advert has been publicised on the OMF UK website & social media – (do spread the word if you know of anyone who may be interested!)
- I am leading devotions at the Ireland Conference (2) & the North Area Prayer Gathering (16) – pray for that both go well & God glorified.
- Grace to get fully better and for the putting together of an intercultural team at Platt.



M&M Event in Borough Green

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