

# Hello from the Robinsons! – September 2021

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Heart for Asia. Hope for Billions.

**“In peace I will lie down and sleep, for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety.” Psalm 4:8** This was our verse from last month but it seems even more relevant this month, so we've decided to have it again!

Dear friends,

Thank you for your continued prayer and care for us as a family and we hope you & yours managed to have some excellent holiday this summer. We have enjoyed an interesting summer. Parts have been great and parts not so great. A last-minute change of plans saw us heading off to the sunny Canary Islands where we enjoyed time together, rest & swimming. Sadly, halfway through, Grace hurt her leg quite badly. When we returned on the 24<sup>th</sup> August, she limped into A&E and is now on medication to treat a DVT. Please pray for full & swift healing over the next few weeks. This week Isobel commences year 11 (GCSE year) and Sally begins year 8. Both Grace and I return to work too, so it's all change throughout the household as we head into the autumn.

*From Grace: Life seems a bit full on at the moment. There was a massively encouraging response from Platt to a 24 hour call for prams, baby bouncers and blankets for the 900 Afghan refugees who arrived at Manchester airport last week. Pray that these families can cope with quarantine and that good housing is found. There is such a need to be welcoming at the moment. Please pray too for a HK family who are hoping to arrive in the UK next week – they need housing in Manchester (they have money for rent but are not able to sign a lease because will not yet have the right visa). They have two children and a baby on the way and are unable to return to HK. **If you know of anywhere they could stay in the short-term, please get in touch with me ASAP.** The photo below is of Platt's Manchester International Outreach event which is a collaboration between Friends International and local churches. Paul, Sally & Isobel went along but sadly my sore leg meant I had to stay home! Ally and Patrick led the team of helpers brilliantly – they are a young married couple – Ally's from HK and Patrick from UK. They lead Platt's international student ministry and it's been so great to see how they've been connecting with so many Platt people – both Brits and Internationals - encouraging us to be open to welcoming all who come through Platt's doors. Do pray for them as they begin their role and that I would be a good support to Ally.*

## Mobilisation & Media (M&M) Team Update:

At the recent bank holiday weekend, the M&M team attended their first third-party conference since 2019! It was at an event in Sussex called 'David's Tent'. And was a chance to share in person about the challenge to share Jesus Christ with East Asian peoples. Praise God for this opportunity and do pray that many people would have been challenged to share about Jesus with those around them.

At the forthcoming M&M Event later this month we will be planning many more 'in person' events, OMF UK conferences and third-party conferences for the forthcoming year - in the hope that they will go ahead. Thank you for your continued support and prayer for the team.

**September Programme:** 13,14,15,20,21,22 Borough Green

**Cambodia Prayer Point:** Nearly half of tourism-related businesses in Cambodia have been forced to close their doors due to the compounding impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. Tourism is one of the leading national industries providing income for millions of Khmer people. Please pray for job creation for the people of Cambodia.

## Give thanks:

- for a super summer holiday which included time in the Canary Islands – a last minute treat for us all.
- for a positive Manchester International Outreach (MIO) event at Platt where over 30 people gathered for fun and fellowship. Pray for ongoing connections & impact.

## Pray for:

- for a good start back to work & school for us all from 1<sup>st</sup> September.
- for the forthcoming Mobilisation & Media event in Borough Green (13-15).
- For a good time of fellowship and planning for 2022.
- the Platt staff team as they have a day retreat together tomorrow.
- the ongoing recruitment of a Workplace Ministries Project Manager.

## MIO Event outside Platt church



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