

ROMANS ONE ELEVEN TRUST (R1:11)

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Update December 2017 - Friends of R1:11

Dear friends,

Thank you for your prayers over the last month. As the trustees met 10 days ago I (Chris) was very struck by the Rend Collective song “Build Your Kingdom Here”, which we sang. This phrase especially caught my attention: “We are your church. We are the hope on earth”. If you have access to the internet, I invite you to listen to the song via YouTube. It combines great encouragement with enormous challenge, privilege and responsibility at the same time. GOD is building his kingdom but he is using US to do it! We also remember at this time of year that he did come to this earth 2000 years ago, to share in all its joys and sorrows, its toils and successes, so he knows the task to which he has called us

Romans 1:11 is enormously privileged to continue with the task to which God has called us, sharing in the lives of sisters and brothers on the African continent, as well as with you, our supporters, in churches here in the UK. Circumstances vary enormously but we all serve the same holy God, through our living Lord Jesus Christ. He longs to free us to worship and serve him in the power of his Holy Spirit, whether that be in Uganda, in Zambia, in the UK or anywhere else that we find ourselves.

So back to that trustees meeting that was held on 25th November and the matters for prayer which arose from it:

FEEL Uganda – We have made very good progress in moving towards our hoped-for launch after Easter 2018. Samuel tells us that the building is ready, the advertising is in the final stages of production and we hope to share it with people before Christmas. Please pray that this will be possible and that the right people will respond to this opportunity to travel to Uganda for a term or more of service with Samuel Muhumuza.

Administrator – There has been some interest from people interested in applying for this post to succeed Chris when she retires in Spring 2019. Applications will be requested by the end of January 2018, after which Jon and Chris, possibly with other trustees, will review them and decide who to meet as a next step. If you are interested in exploring the possibility of applying for this post (or can think of anyone else who might be) please contact Jon as soon as possible: jon@sermons.me.uk. In any case please pray that God will nudge the right person to be part of this process and that trustees will be able to discern who God is calling to this vital role.

Spiritual Life Centres – Courses of theological education are now running or will shortly be starting at Nyamiyaga, Kakumiro and Wanyange. Praise God that obstacles have been removed in this process and that teaching is going ahead. Prayer for Deus and Patrick as they work together at Wanyange, and for Julius and Moses at Kakumiro, leading a course there for the first time. Richard and Wilber are the teachers at Nyamiyaga.

Trustees – Life is very busy for different trustees at present, and all of us would welcome your prayers - Rachel as she reaches the end of a busy term teaching her A level students and trying to help the Trust with grant applications; Adam as he concludes his first year training for URC ministry; Tony as he supports his wife Janet with family needs in her native Australia; Dick as he continues to be a trustee for several charities as well as R1:11; Jon as he tries to support his father following his mother’s death, as well as leading two churches and Romans 1:11; and Chris, as she marries Dr. Derek Copley this coming Saturday, 9th December. He is the former principal of Moorlands College and has ongoing missionary interests in Central Asia. Chris will be known as Chris Copley but her contact details remain the same.

God bless you all.