

ROMANS ONE ELEVEN TRUST (R1:11)

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Dear friends,

How good is the God we adore!
Our faithful, unchangeable friend:
His love is as great as his power
And knows neither measure nor end.

This hymn is very much in my mind at present for particular reasons but suffice it to say for now that it is a wonderful expression of God's presence and power with us through thick and thin.

The Romans One Eleven trustees know that we are completely dependent on God and on the prayers of his faithful people to enable us in the work to which he has called us within the Trust and elsewhere. Please continue to pray with us to "our faithful, unchangeable friend" for the work which is ongoing in the UK and in Uganda. We have also received approaches to resume our work in Zambia (there is a new, more proactive General Secretary in place in the CCAP Synod of Zambia), something which is limited mainly by the need to identify someone within this country who could head up such links.

A few days ago four of us met to discuss the next steps in bringing to fruition Samuel Muhumuza's vision for an internship programme in the Rakai District of Uganda. Jon Sermon, Stephen Newell and Chris Baillie went away with various aspects of this project to carry forward as we continue to wait for further information from Sam.

Negotiations and planning continue for a trip to Uganda in July, led by Jon Sermon. If any further people are interested in joining this trip please contact Jon or Chris by Sunday 12th February at the latest.

From time to time we continue to hear troubling news from our contacts in Uganda. In particular at present we have heard that Olivia Kyomukama, Deus' wife, has suffered a miscarriage and is "psychologically tortured" as a result. Those of us who have also experienced that tragedy know only too well how it can feel. In addition, we are concerned not to have heard from Samuel for quite a period of time, despite various attempts to make contact with him.

Two trustees are approaching significant milestones in their lives and ministry. Adam Woodhouse is preparing to leave Bradford, in order to commence training for URC ministry in Cambridge in the autumn. Congratulation Adam! Chris Vivian is at the other end of her pastoral ministry, as she retires from Lymington URC at the end of February. She will, however, be continuing in her work with the Romans One Eleven Trust. New contact details are shown above.

Please pray in particular this month:

- For someone with a passion for mutual encouragement with Zambia to come forward so that this work can resume
- For good progress in the internship programme planning
- For clarity regarding plans for the July trip to Uganda
- For peace for Olivia and for safety for Samuel
- For Adam and Chris as they prepare for changes in their life and ministry.

God bless you all.