

ROMANS ONE ELEVEN TRUST (R1:11)

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Update January 2018 - Friends of R1:11

Dear friends,

As I contemplate the New Year and situations in Uganda and the UK, two quotations have come strongly into my mind:

'And I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year: "Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown."

And he replied: "Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the Hand of God. That shall be to you better than light & safer than a known way." Minnie Lousie Haskins, quoted by King George VI in 1939.

'Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me.' Revelation 3:20.

In one sense the change of year makes very little difference as for most of us 1st January will have seemed very similar to 31st December. However, there is undoubtedly the opportunity to reflect in God's presence on what has happened in 2017 as well as to look forward to 2018. Some lay more emphasis on this than others do. The one thing to which I want to draw attention, though, in the light of the quotations above, is that God goes with us as we take the opportunity of inviting him to lead us forward into a New Year: *"put your hand into the Hand of God"* and *"If anyone ... opens the door..."*.

With that in mind I invite you to join with us in praying for matters where we need to see God leading us forward this year:

- As already intimated, Chris Copley (formerly Vivian) retires from her post as Administrator in Spring 2019. After several expressions of interest in this post, only one person still appears to be considering it seriously. Applications need to be in by the end of January, so please pray that the right people will contact Jon Sermon by then.
- We hope to send the first group of people to Uganda after Easter, under the new FEEL Uganda programme. So far two people appear to be keen but we need at least four people to apply for it in order for it to be viable. Please pray for more people (aged 18 upwards) to be challenged and enthused about their possible involvement and to contact Jon.
- Plans are moving ahead for a team to visit Uganda in summer 2018. Please pray that dates can be finalised soon, so that possible team members can be encouraged to consider this wonderful opportunity.
- It has proved necessary to delay the hoped-for visit of two Ugandans to the UK from spring this year to the autumn, mainly to allow one of them to obtain the necessary documentation to support his visa application. Please pray for Moses as he applies for a passport and begins to use a newly-opened bank account.
- Julius and Gloria Bigirwenkya were involved in a car accident recently. Although not injured, their car was damaged and they are shaken up by the experience. Please pray for them.
- The God's Power International Ministries church in Jinja (led by Steven Biso and Deus Kyomukama) has been given very short notice to stop using the school classroom which they were hiring for their services. They are building a church themselves but it is far from ready at present. Please pray for them as they still seek to fellowship together this Sunday and to build the new structure as quickly as they can.

God bless you all.