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Dear Friends,

March Prayer Update – Friends of R1.11

The prayer needs remain similar to those in the February update – that when the time is right, God will raise someone up to lead the next phase of our Zambia contacts, for good progress in the internship programme planning, the unfolding of plans for the July trip to Uganda, peace for Olivia and for safety for Samuel and for Adam and Chris as they prepare for changes in their life and ministry.

But there is news and answered prayer! Samuel is safe and the loss of contact was a technology problem, now resolved – Praise God.

Chris has now retired from URC ministry at Lymington and is about to move to a new home in Holbury, along the side of Southampton Water. Praise God for her long and fruitful contributions in ordained ministry, both pastoral and in teaching. And that ministry continues, including that she continues as Trust Administrator. Please hold her in your prayers at this time of adjusting. Her new contact details are 25 Larkspur Gardens, Holbury, Southampton, SO45 2QH, tel. 023 8089 9346, email chrismvivian@gmail.com.

The July trip to Uganda is coming together, with an outline itinerary and flights booked. Chris & I are going and there were 5 others who seriously explored the possibility of coming with us. For 3, it didn't prove appropriate this time, but Mike & Jane Saqui, who travelled with Adam & myself last year, are coming.

Pray for the further work and detailed preparation, and in particular over the development of the internship, which we are working on now and will be further with Samuel whilst there. Also, we hope the Lord will enable us to visit churches in Mbale District, near the Kenya border, which is farther East than we have been before. We have met several of the leaders at training/equipping events in Jinja. We will also have key meetings with several of the leaders over the ongoing pastor training programmes. Pray for wisdom and discernment.

Keep Olivia in your prayers: Those who have experienced miscarriage will know that the recovery can be slow and difficult.

Meanwhile, mutual encouragement continues: We hear good news of the ongoing development Julius Bigirwenkya is achieving with both schools and the church. Richard Tusiime recently gave as news of yet more church plants as the work grows in his area. Many individuals, both from our visits and among those who have been here, greatly value the contact. And the child sponsorship, sponsored pastors and all other programmes continue to provide great blessing.

Blessings,

Jon