

ROMANS ONE ELEVEN TRUST (R1:11)

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Update September 2017 - Friends of R1:11

Dear friends,

I was privileged to hear an excellent sermon about Gideon's call last Sunday, based on Judges 6:1-18. Of particular relevance for this prayer update is Judges 6:13, when Gideon questions the angel of the Lord, after he has told Gideon, "The Lord is with you, mighty warrior". This is despite the highly impoverished state in which the Israelites found themselves. Bearing in mind the horrendous flooding in the Indian subcontinent as well as in Texas, not to mention the increasingly worrying activities of North Korea, we might well agree with Gideon when he responds, "If the Lord is with us, why has all this happened to us? Where are all his wonders that our ancestors told us about...?"

Our world news is often very sad and worrying, and our own lives can cause us immense stress and sadness. The people with whom we as the Romans One Eleven Trust work, both in the UK and in Uganda, are just as prone to crises as the Israelites of old, yet still God says to us all, "The Lord is with you". He is with us whether or not God sends us a sign (Judges 6:17) and whether or not we feel his presence. He is with us in our joys and sorrows, in our fears, our doubts and in our certainties. He is with us for discipline and for blessing. He is with us.

The Ugandans have challenged many of us who have either visited them in their own setting or have welcomed them into our homes and churches in the UK to trust in the Lord no matter what. So this month please will you join the trustees in prayer for Uganda and the UK:

- For the Reformed Presbyterian Church of Uganda, following a very contentious General Assembly held in June, especially for its Executive Committee as it considers calling another meeting to try to resolve issues that arose. For Steven Bradford from the USA as he travels to Uganda and seeks to advise about next steps and the restoration of peace.
- For Pascal, one of the students trained at the Nyamiyaga Spiritual Life Centre. He spoke to us in June about medical tests he has had, which seem to indicate throat cancer. He has no money for the treatment needed.
- For Michael Lubega Jackson, a young man who was sponsored for many years through the Trust and who has been all the way through school and university. He still has no long term job.
- For Deus and Olivia Kyomukama who suffered a second miscarriage while we were in Uganda in July.
- For Adam Woodhouse, one of our trustees, who starts training for the URC ministry this month at Westminster College, Cambridge. He has just moved there from Bradford.
- For all the trustees as we plan for and hold our next trustees' meeting on 23rd September. As always there will be a lot to discuss, looking back on the July trip to Uganda and looking forward to future plans.

In addition please pray for a mission in Kampala, being organised by African Enterprise from 15th to 30th September. AE Teams "will be reaching out to political and social leaders, encouraging them to bring the gospel to their neighbours in every corner of Kampala ... from the slums to office blocks".

Thank you so much for your ongoing prayers. "The Lord is with you, mighty warrior."

Chris