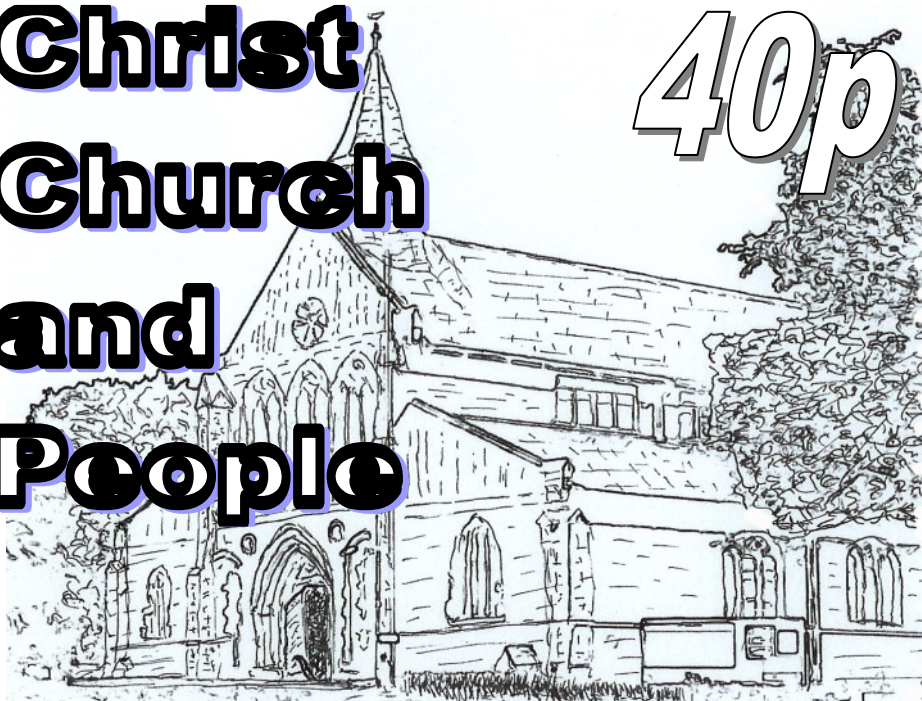


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May 2023

| | Date | Time | Events (Zoom codes in weekly email) |
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| Mon | 1st | | Bank holiday |
| Tue | 2nd | 10:30 am 12:30 pm | Communion service Pursuit Club |
| Wed | 3rd | 9:00 am 3:30 pm | Christ Church First School assembly Trekks |
| Thu | 4th | 1:10 pm | Christ Church Academy assembly |
| Fri | 5th | | |
| Sat | 6th | 8:30 am 7:30 pm | Prayer meeting followed by breakfast Coronation Praise |
| Sun | 7th | 9:15 am | Communion; 2 Chronicles 1 "A wise king" |
| Mon | 8th | | Bank holiday |
| Tue | 9th | 10:30 am 12:30 pm | Communion; Luke 14:1-14 "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath?" Pursuit Club |
| Wed | 10th | 9:00 am 3:30 pm 7:30 pm | Christ Church First School assembly Trekks Standing Committee |
| Thu | 11th | 1:10 pm | Christ Church Academy assembly |
| Fri | 12th | | |
| Sat | 13th | | |
| Sun | 14th | 9:15 am | Morning Prayer and Baptism 2 Chronicles 6:1-21 "A prayerful king" Tim and Kate Lee visiting |
| Mon | 15th | 9:30 am | Toddler group |
| Tue | 16th | 10:30 am 12:30 pm 2:00 pm | Communion; Luke 14:15-24 "Who will eat at the King's table?" Pursuit Club Autumn House service |

May 2023

| | Date | Time | Events |
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| Wed | 17th | 9:00 am 2:00 pm 3:30 pm | Christ Church First School assembly Oulton Abbey nursing home service Trekks |
| Thu | 18th | 11:00 am 1:10 pm 7:30 pm | St Mary's Home service Christ Church Academy assembly Deanery Ascension Day service, St Mary's, Swynnerton |
| Fri | 19th | | |
| Sat | 20th | | |
| Sun | 21st | 9:15 am | Communion 2 Chronicles 7:1-6, 11-22 "An humble king" |
| Mon | 22nd | 9:30 am | Toddler group |
| Tue | 23rd | 10:30 am 12:30 pm | Communion; Luke 14:25-34 "Who does not first count the cost of discipleship?" Pursuit Club |
| Wed | 24th | 9:00 am 3:30 pm 7:30 pm | Christ Church First School assembly Trekks PCC meeting |
| Thu | 25th | 1:10 pm | Christ Church Academy assembly |
| Fri | 26th | | |
| Sat | 27th | | |
| Sun | 28th | 9:15 am | All age service; |
| Mon | 29th | | |
| Tue | 30th | 10:30 am | Communion; Luke 15:11-31 "Which son is lost?" |
| Wed | 31st | | |

Operation Golden Orb

The Coronation weekend will soon be here. It is an historic moment in the history of the nation and indeed across the globe due to historic links. So, whatever a person's view of the monarchy this will be a time to reflect on the ceremony which will articulate traditions that stretch back in time to our forebears. Some of this important symbolism I will touch on later.

The coronation at Westminster Abbey will be conducted by the Archbishop of Canterbury, according to a tradition that reaches back to 1066 almost uninterrupted.

The most important part of the ceremony – code name 'Operation Golden Orb' – will involve King Charles being anointed with holy oil, receiving the orb, coronation ring and sceptre, and a prayer for his blessing followed by being consecrated. Monarchs traditionally have sat in the 14th-century King Edward's Chair to be crowned with the St Edward's crown. His wife Camilla will also be anointed and crowned, as was the Queen Mother when she was crowned Queen in 1937.

The symbolism is full of meaning. The St Edward's Crown (dating back to 1661 and weighing 2.23Kg – almost 5 lb) is placed on Charles' head whilst he is sitting on the King Edward's Chair. This crown is crafted in solid gold and has a cross at its centre, the cross of Jesus Christ is no side show but central to what is going on. The King will hold two sceptres. The Sovereign's Sceptre is a gold rod (0.91m = 3') based on a shepherd's crook, with a cross on top. It symbolises the power of the King but under God's sovereignty. He also holds 'The Rod of Equity and Mercy', as

a reminder to show mercy and kindness to his subjects. The King will then be given 'The Sovereign's Orb', a golden sphere (hollow!) with a cross on top as a reminder of how his own reign is subject to a far greater King over all the world. 'The Coronation Ring' is symbolic of the monarch's marriage to the nation.



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Operation Golden Orb

The earthly rule points us to the one great Ruler. In the Holy Bible Jesus is given the title "KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS" (Revelation 19v16). This title indicates that He has the power to exercise absolute dominion over all His realm, that is over all of creation. Ultimately all other rulers will be conquered or abolished, and He alone will reign supreme as King and Lord of all the earth. There is no power, no king, and no lord who can oppose Him and win. Jesus is the risen, ascended and reigns as our Sovereign.

Although an earthly monarch has modest authority, the delegated authority of King Charles is a pointer to the greater reality about Jesus Christ who came not to be served, but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many. Let's pray regularly for King Charles that he will use his role to serve his people and the wellbeing of the nations. *Paul Kingman*

Junior Heroes Holiday Club

We had a great week with around 20 adults entertaining a similar number of children from reception up to year 6.

The children were divided into teams: Amazing Astronauts, Super Swimmers, Courageous Climbers, Eager Explorers, Fantastic Flyers and Powerful Pioneers.

We used the super hero theme to illustrate the Bible stories the children learnt about each day, doing related activities in our appropriately decorated group corners.

It began with young Samuel listening and receiving God's message for Eli followed by the young boy who selflessly gave his five loaves and two fishes to Jesus to feed the 5000. We then learnt about the young shepherd boy David who courageously defeated Goliath with a sling and five stones. The next story was Naaman's wife's little servant girl who bravely suggested Naaman visited the prophet Elisha to be healed of his leprosy. Finally, on the Sunday morning, we learnt about the young King Josiah who turned his people back to God.

As usual we sang songs, learnt memory verses, did wonderful crafts and played fun games and quizzes. There was also the Bert and Lucy puppet sketches, the bible drama and of course the much enjoyed Watt family drama. *(continued)*

Sunday meant everyone coming to church for breakfast before the final instalments of the dramas and talks.

We all had a very enjoyable week and grateful thanks go to anyone who helped in any way. Special thanks go to Sue Kingman and Chris and Elizabeth Nix who work so hard before and during the event.

Hopefully it will all be repeated again next year, with a new theme.

Estella

The Coronation Prom – King of kings

Prom Praise livestream from at the Royal Albert Hall 2023

SATURDAY 6 May 2023 at Christ Church Centre

Langham Arts are thrilled to have the privilege of taking their flagship event, Prom Praise, to the Royal Albert Hall on this auspicious day. They look forward to marking this once-in-a-lifetime national celebration with a joyful expression of music and worship.

Following on from the Coronation Service earlier in the day, this majestic prom will be the perfect way to round off a day to remember in central London.

Drawing on the rich historical tradition of Coronation music, the massed choir and orchestra will perform royal anthems and overtures by Elgar, Holst, Handel and John Williams.

All Souls Orchestra of 100 and The Coronation Prom Massed Choir will fill the stage with special guests from across the Commonwealth. Join us as we seek to honour our new King's reign and celebrate the '*King of kings*'.

The event will be broadcast online across the globe from the nation's favourite concert hall, joining audiences from around the world to celebrate this special occasion together.

The Program includes:

Handel *Zadok the Priest*

Holst '*Jupiter*' from the *Planets Suite*

Walton *Orb and Sceptre*

John Williams '*Throne Room and End Title*' from Star Wars: A New Hope

Elgar *Pomp and Circumstance March No 1*

Pre-concert interviews from 7.00 p.m.

Performance from 7.30 p.m. with interval during which refreshments will be served.

| Mission Prayer Diary | |
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| | <i>Church Mission Society</i> |
| 1st | Pioneer student Maria Skoyles heads up the Dorcas Dress Project, which provides an income for people living in poverty around the world through dress-making. The charity is now setting up a sewing hub in a Tanzanian refugee camp |
| 2nd | Joe and Sarah are based in a Muslim-majority town in Egypt, where they lead a church, serve the local Christian school and witness to the love of Jesus. Joe and Sarah ask for prayer for protection and strength |
| 3rd | “Please pray for transformation for the many prisoners taking the Alpha Course”, writes Malcolm Pritchard, tutor at Archbishop Janani Luwum Theological College in Gulu, Uganda |
| 4th | Mission partner Catherine Lee works with the Taiwan Episcopal Church and supports the church, chaplaincy and kindergarten ministry of the Diocese of Taiwan. Pray for the church in a relatively prosperous but diplomatically isolated nation |
| | <i>Stephen and Tabita Bell are planting churches in Croatia, working with European Christian Mission</i> |
| 5th | ECM’s first biennial conference since 2018 (missing due to Covid!) is being held in Umag, Croatia. Praise the Lord that we can now meet! Pray for us all, for a zeal upgrade, as we sit under God’s Word, learn in seminars and enjoy encouraging fellowship |
| 6th | It has been such a delight for our whole church that a whole row of seats is now taken by our friends. It helps us be so evangelistic! A Sikh, Muslim, Hindu as well as Catholic. They are so friendly and honour us with their presence. I, Stephen, translate into English for them over headphones. Please pray for them to give their lives to Jesus. |
| 7th | Please pray for Željko, our neighbour, had an awful stroke 20 months ago and is lying in bed, getting up to do exercises to recover his muscles. . We always pray together. He is an open door, we believe. He is in his time of trial and opportunity! |
| 8th | Ljiljana and Antoneta are our neighbours. Ljiljana’s son came to our Dubrava kids’ club For years Tabita has shared God’s plan of salvation with her – but she still hasn’t given in to God. |

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| | <i>TearFund works with many poor communities across the world. They especially work through local churches and agencies</i> |
| 9th | Malawi Creation Care Network ran a briquette-making workshop for young people from the Phalambe Youth Arms Organisation. They also gave the group a machine that compresses blocks of coal dust or other material to make the briquettes. Give thanks that this will reduce deforestation and create jobs |
| 10th | Tearfund supports 36 nutrition centres in Jonglei Sate, South Sudan. These provide food for more than 170,000 children under 5 years old, as well as for pregnant and breast-feeding women. |
| 11th | The Kazangera self-help group in Salima, Malawi, is transforming the lives of its members in many innovative ways, including irrigating farmland with a “treadle”- a human-powered suction pump. Give thanks that they can now grow vegetables throughout the year |
| 12th | Tearfund helps to support the Tahaddi Education Centre in central Beirut, which supports families facing extreme economic hardship, through education and health services. Help is also provided to poor families to buy clothes and other essentials |
| | <i>Our CMS Link Missionaries Tim and Kate Lee helped to set up JigSaw Kids Ministries in Manila (Philippines). Please pray-</i> |
| 13th | The new van is in action! Pray about all the collections of food, deliveries of weekly bags to street families, and all the other activities that are van-dependent |
| 14th | “Jigsaw at home” has enabled many of Jigsaw’s ministries to continue through the pandemic by weekly distribution of weekly packs, doorstep visits and online support |
| 15th | 100 children have received education through sponsorship |
| 16th | IT equipment (tablets etc) is being provided so that poor families can access Bible passages and children can learn while unable to attend schools |

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| | <i>Jonathan and Robinah Beesigomwe live in Gabarone, Botswana. Their organisation is “Bows and Arrows Ministry”, and they work with older schoolchildren and young adults. For technical reasons Christ Church cannot send funds to J&R but individuals are still able to do so</i> |
| 17th | Pray for planned Evangelism training for Four Churches and Training of 100 Sunday School teachers and Youth workers to help reach 40,000 children and Youth with Books of Hope. |
| 18th | Pray for the opportunity for twenty couples to participate in marriage enrichment and holidays to recover from the Lock down Syndrome through our Marriage Fitness Programme. |
| 19th | Pray for successors and organizations we started in Botswana. |
| 20th | Thank God for two families that are providing the return tickets to Uganda for April/May 23 for planning, and bless God for those praying and financing the project. |
| 21st | Pray that God provides school tuition and upkeep for Jonathan Junior in Nairobi, Kenya. Pray for the relocation process and the reuniting of the family after many years. |
| | <i>Mission Aviation Fellowship fly medical personnel, supplies and missionaries to far-flung, often inaccessible settlements.</i> |
| 22nd | Pray for MAF Suriname as it supports Weejo Bible School, which trains church leaders. May the students awareness of who Jesus is and what he has done for them inform their preaching, teaching and outreach |
| 23rd | The Church of Jesus Christ in Madagascar (FJKM) flies regularly with MAF to fulfil its mission of distributing Bibles to thousands of isolated people so that they can read the Bible in their own language. Pray without ceasing for the continuous delivery of God’s Word to remote communities that eagerly await its arrival. |
| 24th | Pray for MAF partner HoverAid. The organisation sends medical equipment and teams of professionals to those in dire need of healthcare. The valued MAF passengers volunteer their time as well as their expertise for the good of people who my never be able to receive treatment in a hospital |

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| 25th | Flooding during Suriname's rainy season is always a problem but last year's unprecedented rainfall caused more devastation than ever before. MAF delivered 30 sacks of food to villages cut off by the flooding. Uphold those still affected, and pray for protection now this year's rainy season has started |
| | <i>The Bible Society is working in Bible Lands and Mali</i> |
| 26th | 30% of people around Nazareth are Christians. Pray for Bible society work among marginalised women and youth who live in poverty |
| 27th | Fewer than 1% of people in Palestine are Christian. Pray for the work of five Bible bookshops and ministry centres in the West Bank and East Jerusalem |
| 28th | In Mali, Bible Society plans to build a Bible Centre. Land has been purchased but estimates of building costs are £650,000. Pray or contribute so that this money can be raised and Bible Society will have a base in Mali |
| | <i>Scripture Union works in many countries to bring God's word to all</i> |
| 29th | May is the time of year when volunteers sign up to serve on the summer holiday and mission teams. Give thanks that so many give of their time to share the good news with children and young people |
| 30th | Pray for Local Mission Partner Living Stone Educational Trust as they share the love of God by supporting children, families and school work in Newton Heath, Manchester |
| 31st | Pray for churches and groups preparing to run the Restoration Station holiday club this summer |

Holiday Club has been an exciting week jam packed with lots of fun activities.

Our theme this year was Junior Heroes, and the children were split into different categories of Heroes – we had: Fearless Flyers, Courageous Climbers, Eager Explorers, Super Swimmers, Powerful Pioneers, and Amazing Astronauts. And they all made fabulous decorations and crafts in their corners!

Each day was filled with great songs, puppets, fun games, creative crafts, fantastic Bible stories, and amusing dramas. A particular highlight for me was the Watt family drama where I played the silly-billy Rick Watt. Rick managed to persuade the dreaded Baron Toothache to give up his plans of turning everyone into sweets, and instead to just be friends with people!

But we also learnt about children who did great things in the Bible – whether it was David defeating Goliath, or the boy who gave up his lunch so that Jesus could feed the 5000. Each day we heard about one of these heroes, and linked them to a different piece in the armour of God. And so over the course of the week, the children learnt how we could all be Junior Heroes for God too!

It was a very busy week – but very worthwhile! Great to hear a whole cohort of children singing about the Super Saviour – Jesus!

Peter Cuthbert

Fisher of men

Thinking ahead to the forthcoming Coronation this month.....

In 1967, my family lived in Stockport and I was at Leeds University. My father was an electrical engineer working on military aircraft radios being produced by the various aircraft companies in the North West – Avro, Hawker Siddeley, De Havilland, Fairey, English Electric, Blackburn etc. He was then offered a job at Westland Helicopters, Yeovil, Somerset. The prospect of getting away from the continuous rain of Manchester obviously appealed because he took the job and the family moved down to the South West, temporarily moving into a flat in a huge old stately home in a very rural position between Yeovil and Sherborne – Compton House. The house was built around 1550, was magnificent, but very run down – the perfect vision of a haunted house. In the grounds was a small church with an evening service once a month. Because of the enormous distance between Leeds and Yeovil, my visits were restricted to university holiday periods.

In one of these periods, my grandmother and I decided to go to one of the church services. We were part of a congregation of four people with a very ancient vicar in charge. At the end of the service we exited with the usual handshakes. The vicar wanted to know who we were, so we told him and asked him who he was – ‘Fisher’ was the reply, so off we went. Two weeks later we noticed in the local paper – ‘ex Archbishop opens school fete’. Yes, it was our local vicar, the ex Archbishop of Canterbury who 14 years earlier had crowned Queen Elizabeth. He had retired to a small village called Trent and was keeping his hand in at the Compton House church. I can now say that I’ve shaken hands with the man who crowned the Queen !!

John Bowes

The Resurrection encounters with Jesus are a total surprise to those who experience them. This is not only true of the Biblical witnesses, but also of Christians who, down the ages, have known the presence of Jesus, sometimes in dramatic ways, in their lives.

However there is a difference. After the Ascension, Jesus is no longer experienced in a physical way, but through faith, and in the power of the Holy Spirit. He can still be known as a real presence from time to time in our lives. These moments often reflect the experiences of those first disciples.

For example Mary Magdalene is not expecting to see the living Jesus when she mistakes Him for the gardener near the tomb. However all this changes when Jesus calls her by name. (John 20:10-18). Today many Christians start some of their personal prayer time by saying their own name twice. (cf. Samuel 3:10 and Acts 9:4). Usually we are left listening to the “sounds of silence”, but the practice makes us attentive. However, there will be occasional moments when an idea or a short sentence will come into our minds “out of the blue”. Because these are so unexpected they are all the more meaningful.

St Luke records that Jesus “opened the scriptures” to people after his resurrection. He did this for Cleopas and a companion, who was probably his wife Mary (John 19:25), on the road to Emmaus (Luke 24 27) and then later to a larger gathering of disciples (Luke 24:45ff). In our lives the Lord can only “open the scriptures” to us if we take the trouble to read them carefully. Using some form of Bible reading notes, or lectionary will introduce us to passages which we might not have read, sometimes with surprising and memorable results.

The morning after we brought our “rescue-cat” home from the RSPCA the lectionary reading for the day contained these words-

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"A *righteous man cares for the needs of his animal*" (Proverbs 12:10). This could have been a coincidence, but I have never forgotten it!

After the Resurrection St John records how a group of disciples went fishing. The night's work is unsuccessful until a man from the shore instructed them exactly where to fish, which leads to a huge catch. This miracle convinced John that the man on the beach was Jesus. Similar events occasionally happen today. On Christmas Day 1972 a group of Christians realised that the food they had taken to impoverished people working on a rubbish dump in El Paso was totally inadequate. However, they decided to give what they had. There was an amazing multiplication of food and they were able to feed everyone and there with plenty left over! You can see an account, and what follows out of it, on a video (Google "The Glory of God – Juarez")

The two disciples at Emmaus knew that the person with them was Jesus when their "guest" displayed the familiar action of breaking bread "*When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. (Luke 24:30-31).*

When we come to Communion are we ready for an unexpected sense of the real presence of Jesus? This will not happen every time you go to communion but it could be happening to someone else in the congregation. We may never be told what happens in other people's lives at times like this, but we can pray that someone's eyes in the congregation will be opened.

The Resurrection of Jesus is eternal. This is why we should always expect the unexpected in our Christian lives.

Roger

For the first time in most of our lifetimes, Easter this year was celebrated with a king on the throne of our country. Not only that, but on the twenty-eighth day of the fifty days of Easter (Saturday, 6th May) His Majesty King Charles III will be crowned as monarch of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. During the coming weeks, I hope that people across our country will be praying for King Charles as he prepares for that great event. We do not as yet know the exact wording of the Coronation service, but we can be sure that, as has been the case through the centuries of our history, it will make clear that the King's authority, great as it is, is subject to the higher authority of God the ruler of all. When Queen Elizabeth II was crowned in 1953, the Archbishop delivered to her the Orb (a golden sphere representing the world on which a cross is mounted), and spoke these words: *'Receive this orb set under the cross and remember that the whole world is subject to the power and empire of Christ our Redeemer.'*

The resurrection of Jesus Christ, which his people joyfully celebrate at Easter, is the story of the vindication of one who exercised the greatest authority through the humblest of service. As such, it sets the best possible pattern for Charles our King at the outset of his reign. But it also speaks to all in our world and our society who are called to govern, to show leadership, to shape public opinion, to influence others. Too often our reality is otherwise: we see those in power trying to crush opposition, to silence dissent, or to attack those whose views differ from theirs. However, Easter shows us that the final triumph lies with one who followed a very different way – the way of the cross, the way of service, humility and love. This is a lesson which we need to learn again in every generation, and this prayer from the Church of England repeats it on behalf of our monarch and us all:

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18 **The greatest authority through the humblest service**

'Sovereign God, who called King Charles to be a ruler among his people: give him grace to be their servant; and help us, following our Saviour Christ in the path of humble service, to see God's kingdom set forward on earth and to enjoy its fulness in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.'

Rt Revd Michael Ipgrave, Bishop of Lichfield

We raised £200

We raised £200 for the Dougie Mac. and the C.C .Youth Fund at my recent party. Many Thanks to all those who donated.

Pam Roberts

Beesigomwe latest from Botswana

Moving Ministry to Uganda

In March 2022, we conceived the idea of relocating our ministry base to Uganda after the Ministry in Botswana turned 30 years on 31 July 2023. Friends and our children in Uganda encouraged us and blessed the move. We hoped in eighteen months, we would have some form of shelter to return to, but up to now the building plan is yet to be approved by City Council. We made one mistake though, by announcing it as a done deal too early. This caused some of our partners to see us as less strategic for their operations in Botswana for 2023 producing a drying brook. Please pray for God's rescue plan like that of Elijah of old.

Health Families Campaign

The Lord chose to speak to us, the Member of Parliament and a couple in our church to help transform the village through Health Families Campaign. We are targeting 4,000 people in our constituency hosted by the Member of Parliament who is also the Minister of Defence and Justice. The Police and Military personnel, are targeting 1000 officers. These are perceived to have more cases of gender based violence. Think of the impact on 4,000 people going through this for 13 days at the same time!

Ministry News

For Ministry, we still have over forty thousand books to give to children, youth and families. So far God has sent five trained people and pastors with their own transport to pick books for their institutions. In addition, a School Head in our area heard about the African Youth Book of Hope that teaches youth on purpose, relationships and corruption in the world. She got a teacher's book and a student book and read them. She said to us last week, she wants 900 books for her school, saying; "I have started using the information with fellow leaders how we can give hope to our children and transform our schools using the books of hope."

Prayer requests

- a). Thank God for team Uganda and for the hard work and successes, pray for more wisdom.
- b). Thank God for two families that are providing the return tickets to Uganda for April/May 23 for planning, and bless God for those praying and financing the project.
- c). Pray for planned Evangelism training for Four Churches and Training of 100 Sunday School teachers and Youth workers to help reach 40,000 children and Youth with the remaining Books of Hope.
- d). Pray for the opportunity for twenty couples to participate in marriage enrichment and holidays to recover from the Lock down Syndrome through our Marriage Fitness Programme.
- e). Pray for successors and organizations we started in Botswana.
- f). Pray for a boost in our support for ministry and upkeep.
- g). Pray that God provides school tuition and upkeep for Jonathan Junior in Nairobi, Kenya.
- h). Pray for the relocation process and the reuniting of the family after many years.

Faithfully Yours, Jonathan and Robinah Beesigomwe.

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