## **Prayer Letter October 2024**



- **1**<sup>st</sup> Pray for students, staff and faculty as we commence the busiest term of the year.
- **2<sup>nd</sup>** Pray for safe travels as Explore Consultant, Nevil Carrington, heads to Quelimane in Mozambique, where he will discuss Explore with the Anglican Diocese of Zambézia. Pray also for good fruit to come from his meetings.
- **3**<sup>rd</sup> All the Masters and Honours degree dissertations are due in October. Pray for the students as they put the finishing touches on their dissertations that God would honour their work both by using it to shape them, as well as helping them to build up others.
- **4<sup>th</sup>** Give thanks for the many years of partnership between the Evangelical Chinese Church and GWC. Pray for safe travels for Elder, Jonathan Chong, as he and his wife visit GWC on 12 October.
- 5<sup>th</sup> GWC past students, Jo-Anne Taylor and Tarryn Evans, are being made deacons at St Stephens Bible Church, Claremont on 13<sup>th</sup> October. Please pray for them both as they continue to serve the church in their roles in Children's Ministry and Women's Ministry, respectively.
- **6**<sup>th</sup> The board and leadership of Dumisani Bible College are visiting GWC leadership in October. Dumisani are a TDA supported College. Pray for wisdom, clarity of thinking and a clear way forward as we work together for the future development of this great work in the Eastern Cape.
- **7**<sup>th</sup> There are a few final-year students who are still uncertain about their plans for next year. Pray they will find their security in the Lord and that he will make his plans for them clear.
- 8<sup>th</sup> Explore's Pastor Isaac and Rev Peter Mapoma are doing work at Ipalo Christian School in Chingola, Zambia. Pray for Explore to become an accepted discipleship tool for teachers at the school and for pastors in the surrounding area of Chingola.
- 9<sup>th</sup> Project planning meetings for the Phand'ulwazi Knowledge Centre will take place in October. Pray for the team as they continue progressing with the building requirements of this new project and that this will be a project that draws together many partners for the sake of the Gospel in Africa.
- 10<sup>th</sup> GWC past student, Robinson Mwangi, has a PhD in missiology and is writing a book based on his PhD titled: "The Influence of Early Keswick Theology of Sanctification in the socio-ethical Life of the East African Revival Movement." Pray that God would be glorified, and many may benefit from Robinson's wisdom.
- 11<sup>th</sup> The Principal of Harare Theological College and GWC past student, Anthony Dandato, is visiting GWC to meet with leadership here. HTC are a TDA-supported college. Pray for wisdom as we work together for the future development of this great work in Zimbabwe.
- **12**<sup>th</sup> GWC is currently deciding on bursary awards for 2025. Pray for the Bursary Committee as they conclude their decisions to support as many students as we can who have their hearts set on ministry.
- 13<sup>th</sup> Give thanks for our part-time faculty. Pray that they will be fruitful in their other ministries as well as in their teaching at the college.
- 14<sup>th</sup> R7 million still needs to be raised in 2024 for our operations. Pray for all proposals that are pending and for our fundraising team as they seek to raise these funds.

- 15<sup>th</sup> Give thanks for the MOU being finalised between Explore and Dumisani Bible College in the Eastern Cape.
  16<sup>th</sup> Faculty member, Dr Thapelo Khumalo, asks for prayer for energy and diligence in Term 4. He is teaching three modules, supervising two students and doing the attendant admin work, which has been quite demanding.
- **17**<sup>th</sup> As the Explore team commences budget preparation for 2025, pray for wisdom so that the budget represents the plan to target untrained pastors.
- **18**<sup>th</sup> The Anglican Diocese of Bentiu, in South Sudan, was destroyed during the war. Please pray for GWC past student, Yoang John Jal Deng, the bishop for this region, who is trying to re-establish the Diocese and rebuild the cathedral. **19**<sup>th</sup> Ame Eldridge from Focus Fundraising will visit GWC in the week of 20 October to conduct interviews for our Ark Endowment campaign feasibility study. Pray for her safe
- travel within South Africa and informative interviews.

  20<sup>th</sup> Pray for the students to maintain healthy devotional lives and balance their academics.
- 21st Pray for the 100 Club that seeks to connect churches with GWC bursary students. Pray for Qukeza Xinwa as she develops these relationships and finds more partnership churches that are crucial to our bursary support.
- 22<sup>nd</sup> GWC past student, Michele R, gives thanks for time spent with family and friends in SA before heading back to Thailand to study Thai and to continue working with the students at The Centre. Please pray for her as she settles back into the routine and for her studies to go well.
- 23rd Mark Dickson and Alison Lee leave for a two-week trip to Australia on 31 October. Pray their arrangements will come together and that all meetings will be fruitful for the future work of GWC.
- 24<sup>th</sup> Pray for those writing the new short courses for 2025 that they will be inspired and encouraged as they write these curricula.
- **25**<sup>th</sup> GWC past student, Jaki North, has started "With or Without You," a Banbury-based Christian support group for the partners of neurodiverse individuals. Please pray for protection over this new ministry, new members and for the leaders: Jaki, Fiona and Wendy.
- **26**<sup>th</sup> Several Explore facilitators recently received training in Kenya, Uganda, Malawi and Zambia. Pray that they would faithfully train many small group leaders. We expect each facilitator to oversee several groups.
- **27**<sup>th</sup> Assistant Registrars, Tyla Gill and Christo April, are new to working together in GWC's Registry department. Pray that they will work well as a team as they head into administering exam season for the first time.
- **28**<sup>th</sup> As management prepares the budgets for 2025 please pray for guidance and wisdom that we exercise good stewardship and planning and governance.
- 29<sup>th</sup> White Zibophe (GWC part-time faculty) and Tim Swan (Anglican Aid) are travelling to Malawi to visit bible colleges from 29 October. Please pray for safe travel and good conversations that can shape partnerships in the future.

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- **30**<sup>th</sup> Visa applications can delay international students who have applied to study at GWC. Pray that the visa process will run smoothly for all our new and returning international students in 2025.
- **31**<sup>st</sup> Pray for GWC leadership and board as they oversee much growth and development, and plans for GWC in 2025.