

# prayer newsletter

march 2017

## Alex Brito (Mosaic Multicultural Church)

*Give thanks for...*

- The completion of the Discipleship Explored Course.
- Mariya, a Bulgarian lady who attended the CE course and now wants to get involved and help with the children's work.

*Please pray for...*

- Meetings that are taking place with the owner of a coffee shop which may become a new venue for the English classes. (The café currently being used as a venue is closing down). Please pray God would incline the owner's heart to allow Alex to use the place.
- The new CE course starting 5 March. The 46 English for Everybody students have been invited but none have shown an interest so far. Please ask God to open their hearts to accept the invitation.
- The 10 people who have signed up online to join the CE course. Please ask God to motivate them to actually attend the sessions.
- Wisdom for Aluanna and her two helpers who plan to start an Epic Explorer course for children while the adults attend the CE course.
- The marriage course that Alex and Aluanna will start running on 10 March. Please pray for the couple in the church who are soon to be married, and pray that others will join this course too.

## Alex Lyell (Streatham Central Church)

*Give thanks for...*

- The 6 or 7 newcomers who have decided to settle at Streatham Central Church since Christmas. Please be praying for the church to welcome and draw them in to real community.

*Please pray for...*

- Real benefit to come from the church weekend away at the end of February. Please pray that the teaching and fellowship would stimulate a closer walk with Christ and deeper relationships within the church family.
- The MBU (meeting for better understanding) that will be held at Streatham Mosque on 3 March on the subject of 'Jesus and Muhammad- Men of God?'. Please pray for Alex to explain the gospel clearly and for the SCC members to follow up well with the members of the mosque.
- Wisdom and enthusiasm in preparations for the Easter outreach.

**Jonathan Worsley (Kew Baptist Church)**

*Give thanks for...*

- The visitors who have been coming each week this year. Please pray in particular for God to open the hearts of a young couple who have been coming regularly, and pray that they would come to faith this year.

*Please pray for...*

- The members who have been struggling with health issues since the start of the year. Please pray for God to be their strength and comfort during this difficult time, and for God to provide healing if it is His will.
- Fruitfulness in personal evangelism as a congregation over the coming months.
- The Lord to send some mature Christians to serve Him in the work at Kew Baptist.

**Mike Reith (Becontree Church)**

*Give thanks for...*

- The encouragement of seeing greater numbers at church and 3 new people coming as a result of recent door to door visits.
- The mission team from Cornhill who came to help put on some special events, at which the gospel was brilliantly explained.
- The friendships that are forming with the local C of E church, now that the former agnostic vicar has left.

*Please pray for...*

- The recent new arrivals to keep coming and learn Christ, and that they would be joined by even more newcomers.
- The church to be effective in caring for the Iranian members with a variety of different needs. Particularly pray for F, who has shown himself to be a natural evangelist. Pray that he would develop into a spiritual leader.
- God to open the door again for Hannah to get into local schools, and that Hannah and Rob would effectively reach young couples and families on the estate.

**Neil Richardson (Longheath)**

*Give thanks for...*

- The increased church prayer life. Give thanks that the church now holds more prayer meetings, and that the WhatsApp prayer feed is still being used.
- A modest grant received from the local councillors, with whom the church is on very good terms.
- A recent high in Sunday morning attendance, with 47 people at church!

*Please pray for...*

- Pastor Arny, who has developed heart problems. Please pray he can get the rest he needs to regain some energy.

- The rest of the leadership team to respect Army's leadership direction, while not burdening him with too many issues or decisions.
- Please be persistent in prayer for funding for the church and mature believers to join, both of which are ongoing prayers in the life of the church.

### **Peter Taylor (Vaux)**

*Please pray for...*

- The second Vauxhall multi-sports week for young people, in the May half term. Please pray for good progress with plans, and good ideas.
- Those that are coming to the Easter meal would return to hear the gospel on other occasions.

### **Sam Stephenson (Roehampton Student Church)**

*Give thanks for...*

- The recent RSC weekend away, looking at the topic of 'church'. Give thanks for a growth in understanding that church is about serving and building each other up in love, as much as it is about receiving teaching. Give thanks for visible fruits of this, since the weekend away.
- E, who recently professed faith in Christ after hearing a talk on the prodigal son, and who has been coming regularly to church since!
- J, who was baptised at the weekend away, and for his growth in Christ since coming to RSC.
- A few previously nominal Christians showing signs of being willing to count the cost of following Jesus, and making decisions for His glory.

*Please pray for...*

- Long term funding to be raised for the church plant. Give thanks for the remaining 18 months of Antioch funding, and pray for sustainable financial plans to be put in place soon.
- More people to be saved and added to the church. Pray for open doors for the gospel, for boldness in inviting, and for the church members to be active in meeting people with questionnaires and fliers.
- A bigger house for the Stephensons; much of the ministry is run from the living room, which is starting to feel rather full!
- The sermon series in Romans to give a fresh joy in the gospel, and a dependence on Christ alone for salvation.

## WHO'S WHO?

HERE'S A QUICK OVERVIEW OF THE ANTIOCH PLANTERS...

