

Prayer Points – July 2020



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- Dear Lord Jesus, we give you praise this July as we find across the country, lock down is being lifted in many areas. We pray for all the people and their families that have been affected by this virus and hope that it is coming to an end very soon.
- We pray for the office staff who have managed to stay well with their families and although they pop in occasionally separately, will be able to get back into the office soon as a team and get back on track.
- Give thanks for a very recent and most generous grant specific to our container shipments to Nicaragua. As our shop in Ross is still closed, this grant will cover 2 or even 3 containers of donated goods to help Nicaraguan hospitals and clinics.
- Pray for the safe resumption of our shop activities in July. Give thanks for the work undertaken by our volunteers to protect staff and customers – like most other shops, we are equipped with screens, and contactless payment processes, and a traffic management system within the property. Pray that we can still find enough volunteers to open the shop safely, even for a few days per week. Give thanks for the remarkable local support for our shop activities.
- Please pray for all the trustees on 18th July, as they meet again. Lord give them wisdom and discernment in all decisions for the charity, that their meeting is productive with no technical issues.
- We pray also for the SIFT community, that they have not been too affected by the virus and that they also get back on track soon in Nicaragua, helping the communities under their care.
- Please Pray for Carolyn Gibbs and her health, we pray for the correct treatment and a positive outcome and good recovery.

Nicaragua

- Please pray also for Valeria, who throughout the year has to complete paper work for her NGO to continue in Nicaragua, we hope it goes through again without problem. We are so thankful for her sister and brother in law, although not completely recovered are feeling much better and release Valeria to do other things. We hope they return to full health. We hope Valeria remains well and we ask for strength and peace for her and her family Lord.
- We give thanks for Yadira and her family and their continuing good health, we pray also for protection for her family in these difficult times.
- Pray still for the people of Nicaragua. We hear that the peak infection rate has not yet arrived in Central America: if that's true, the impact will simply add to the numbers turned away by the

country's staggering health-system, failing under a severe overload. Pray also for those working in the health care system without the resources to handle the virus and even to protect themselves. Government and Minsa (Health Care Dept) and the hospitals constantly disagreeing on numbers affected, there is no clear information.

- Pray for the economic situation in Nicaragua, especially the poorest communities who always suffer. Pray that more support for the country comes from their Government. Please let all the utilities continue, that people can find work and bring food to their families.
- Pray for the community of San Sebastián as they wait for the build, which will be next year now and prepare to work with the team to transform their school for generations to come. We pray that this will be able to be done very soon.
- We pray for a continuation of the school links developed between English and Nicaraguan schools to bring about Cross cultural learning plus future awareness and fund raising. We pray these continue to benefit the children on both sides.
- Give thanks also for the re-opening of Casa Rahab in Granada. The girls have been suffering during the suspension of our activities there. Pray that the mitigating actions provided by Valeria will keep them and the staff safe from infection. She has an impressive array of masks and visors, and is providing transport to minimise the staff's exposure on the very crowded buses out to Granada.
- Please give thanks for recent news of a reduction in electricity tariffs in Nicaragua - the result of lower oil prices perhaps, but still welcome.
- We pray that the Sahara dust storm carried over every year at this time does not add to the breathing problems of the people in the country and put extra strain on the hospitals with Covid.
- We pray for Margaret Storey who is still in Bluefields helping to distribute food and helping out in schools. Amazing lady, who declined the flight home to stay and help out, we hope you stay well and get back to the UK safely at some point.
- Pray for the communities in Kara, Karawala , Sandy Bay and La Barra. Kenji reports that the communities are doing all they can to help one another but the virus has fallen on these communities who have virtually no healthcare.

Events.

- We pray for the **Spring Gathering**, again postponed until further notice.
- We pray for Will who's sorting out the **Hereford Cycle Sportive**, hopefully able to go ahead in September?

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