



BAPTIST MISSIONS

2024

Week of Prayer



*"You also must help us by prayer,
so that many will give thanks on
our behalf for the blessing granted
us through the prayers of many."*

(2 Corinthians 1 v 11)



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Thank you for joining us for another **Week of Prayer**.

Please continue to use this booklet throughout the year as you pray for Baptist Missions.

From Sunday, December 31st 2023 to Sunday, January 7th 2024 video updates will be posted on the Irish Baptist Missions YouTube Channel, Facebook and Instagram pages to give you even more fuel for prayer.

If you have not already signed up to receive Prayer News every week, you can do so at www.irishbaptistmissions.org/pray

Thank you for your prayers and generous practical support, that under God, enable us to continue proclaiming the gospel, making disciples, planting churches and training local leaders.

We want to press on, looking to God to bring many to eternal salvation in our crucified, yet risen Saviour.

“Brothers, my heart’s desire and prayer to God for them is that they may be saved”. (Romans 10v1)

Warmly in Christ,

Mervyn Scott, Mission Director

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Sunday

Philip & Rachel Moore - The benefits of the Lord have been very real to us in the last six months. He has provided for our move to the 5th arrondissement in central Paris with an apartment, friendly neighbours, a welcoming and stable church at the Rue de Sèvres and our youngest children are adapting well so far.

Our new context is very challenging, and God has graciously brought us to more regular and hopeful prayer in reliance on His steadfast love and mercy.

For the future, please pray for wisdom in the decisions we take to build a church in our community so that we honour and bear witness to our Lord Jesus Christ; wisdom in the relationships we pursue and how best to love and serve the community we are living in; wisdom in building a team of people who share this vision; finally, wisdom in caring for our family as the Lord Jesus builds His church.

Elizabeth Almanza - I am grateful to God for His sustaining grace in my life in 2023. Please pray for ongoing physical energy and spiritual wisdom as I serve the Lord in the Seminary here in Tacna.

Paul & Kate McFarland - Praise God for slow but steady growth in Youghal Baptist. Praise God for local believers committed to the fellowship and to reaching out with the gospel. Praise God for the new Bible Study in Lismore, Co. Waterford. Pray that more people will come along. Pray that as we run Children's Clubs (once a term), that we will have more contact with families. Pray for those who have been coming along each Sunday but remain unconverted. Pray for us as a family as we seek to be involved in the community in order to have opportunities to point people to Christ. Pray we will see people clearly converted in 2024.

Cormac & Áine Walsh - Praise God for how he has developed North City Baptist Church and multiplied our opportunities to proclaim the gospel here in Ashtown, North Dublin.

Praise God for the many gifted people we have in the church and for the evangelistic passion He has given. Pray we will continue to be evangelistically confident and not become inward looking as we grow. Pray we will be equipped and encouraged as a church to see God's Kingdom advancing.

Julio & Esmeralda Alanoca - Praise God that we are now living among the people in the village of Ite. Please pray that we will see a real spiritual breakthrough in this dark place in 2024. Thank you for your prayers.

Management Committee - Every four years the churches in ABCI elect 18 people to serve on the Management Committee. Give thanks for those willing to serve. Pray for God's continued wisdom and leading as they oversee the work of the Mission and appoint future workers. Stephen Bronte (Dromore Baptist) currently chairs the committee.

Monday

Matt & Jules Tuttlebee - We give thanks for consistent attendance at the bi-monthly Sunday gatherings and home Bible studies with a growing hunger to engage with God's Word. Please pray for growing understanding and increasing commitment to Jesus Christ.

Someone has described the Bundoran community as 'torn' or fragmented. We are increasingly aware of how broken lives can be here. Please join us in crying out to God that He would build a new community of faith bringing restoration and wholeness as people come to Christ.

Pray that God's light would shine through us as we meet people in our community. Ask God for gospel opportunities, for wisdom to know what to say and conviction from God's Spirit to bring people to know our Saviour.

Ymy & Lidia Calani - Praise God for the safe arrival of our fourth child in August. Pray that we will see both spiritual and numerical growth in the Luz de Vida church in 2024.

Len & Joyce Keys - We are grateful to God for sustaining us through various medical needs in 2023. Please continue to pray that we make full recoveries. Praise God for all the opportunities we have to share the gospel in the community, through regular activities in the "Hope Centre" and one to one. Pray that we will have the joy of seeing lives being transformed by the risen Christ in 2024. Pray for wisdom for the Trustees as we make strategic decisions in this coming year in relation to the coffee shop and other possibilities.

Andrew & Séphora Livingstone - We praise God for the joy of seeing souls saved and important decisions being made for the Lord at Camp Rainbow in 2023. Please pray that God continues touching hearts in 2024. We also praise God that we were able to begin changing the old windows in the camp centre. So far, two levels out of five have been changed.

We praise God for help and strength in the church-planting ministry at Bort-les-Orgues. Please pray for our ongoing study of the confession of faith and constitution with the members. Pray for wisdom as we seek to build these important foundations.

Jerson & Esther Caro - Give thanks for the spiritual growth we see in those regularly attending the Palabra de Vida church. Pray that in 2024 we will see people being saved in the growing community around us.

Europe Committee - The members of this committee oversee the work in France and Spain and support those serving in Europe. Richard Mayrs (Antrim Baptist) currently chairs the committee.

Tuesday

Elisario & Esther Vargas - We praise God for His faithfulness to us as a couple, a family, the Pan de Vida church and the Association of Evangelical Baptist Churches in South Peru. In 2024, we long to see more genuine conversions, new believers being baptised and growth in all the churches, especially the newer church plants.

Colin & Debbie Gervais - Many opportunities exist for gospel witness along the border. As I have travelled the area from Clones to Belleek, I am thankful for the relationships that have developed and opportunities to share the gospel.

Border people are friendly but many of these friendly people are lost in sin. Some have written off religion and others cling to dead religion. Many of these people live in towns and villages, others live down narrow roads and up long country lanes. As well as reaching those in the population centres, the great commission also requires us to reach those who live down the long lanes, which takes time!

Please pray that the gospel will make a deep impact in the lives of many living along the border in 2024. Pray also that in God's time churches will take root naturally and be populated with local people.

Jimmy Huamani - Thank you so much for your prayers and extra support over the past three years that have enabled me to remain in full-time pastoral ministry here in the Emmanuel church in San Antonio, Moquegua. Praise God the church is now in a position to be self-supporting again.

Shane & Luana Deane - Praise the Lord for people who have come to faith, been baptised and joined the church in 2023. Pray for more in 2024! Praise God for our new rented building. Pray we will have increasing gospel opportunities with people living in the housing estates nearby.

Pray for all those who attended our Christmas outreach events. Pray the Lord will move in their hearts.

Pray especially for our Easter outreach events. Pray the Lord will draw people to Himself.

Pray for our Men's and Women's groups. We are thankful for the opportunity for fellowship these groups provide. Pray that we can invite others in to hear the Gospel through these groups.

Javier & Janeth Chile - We were grateful for the opportunity to reach out with the "Amazing Journey" when the team from Ireland were here in August. Pray that we will see people coming to Christ in "Agua de Vida" in 2024.

Ireland Committee - We currently have an interest or involvement in 13 different church plants on the island of Ireland. We continue to be burdened for the many towns and suburbs that remain with no gospel witness. Andrew Campbell (Ballykeel Baptist) currently chairs the committee.



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📍 Marseille, France
Laetitia Anstett



📍 Larodde, France
Andrew & Séphora Livingstone



📍 Central Paris, France
Phillip & Rachel Moore



📍 Brain, France
David & Hannah Sandall



📍 Virginia, Ireland
Evan & Rachel Bachtold



📍 South Armagh, Ireland
John & Grace Cunningham



📍 Passage West, Ireland
Shane & Luana Deane



📍 Belfast, Ireland
David & Pamela Dickson



PA to Mission Director
Joanne Dunstan



📍 Fermanagh/Monaghan, Ireland
Colin & Debbie Gervais



📍 Clogher, Ireland
Len & Joyce Keys



📍 Waterford, Ireland
William & Yvonne Kidd



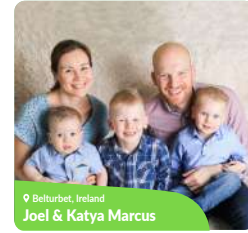
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Richard & Mandy McConnell



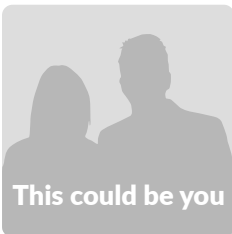
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David & Afaf McConville



📍 Youghal, Ireland
Paul & Kate McFarland



📍 Belturbet, Ireland
Joel & Katya Marcus



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Mission Director
Mervyn & Karen Scott



📍 Bundoran, Ireland
Matt & Jules Tuttlebee



📍 Ashtown - North Dublin, Ireland
Cormac & Aine Walsh



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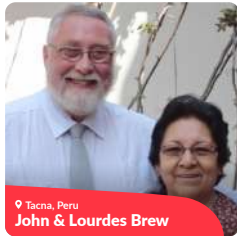
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Julio Adrian



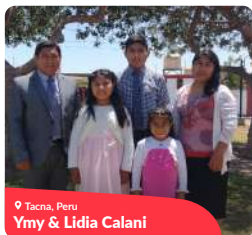
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Julio & Esmeralda Alanoca



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Elizabeth Almanza



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John & Lourdes Brew



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Ymy & Lidia Calani



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Jerson & Esther Caro



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Javier & Janeth Chile



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Carlos & Isabela Copa



📍 Moquegua, Peru
Jimmy Huamani



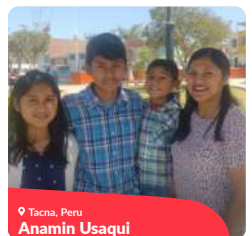
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Angel & Sonia Mamani



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Tito & Amanda Pari



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Richard & Fany Roque



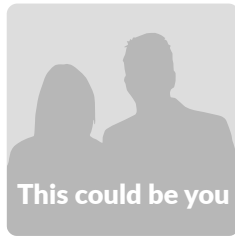
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📍 Carumas/Sacabaya, Peru
Henry & Sonia Zegarra



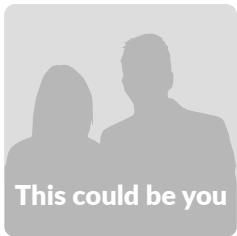
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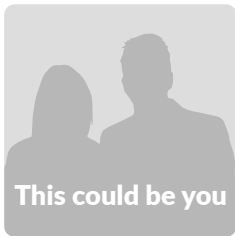
📍 Spain
Andrew & Rosalia Elliott



📍 Barcelona, Spain
Andrew & Ruth Reid



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Wednesday

Andrew & Rosalia Elliott - We continue to be burdened for the country of Spain, especially as we think of the hundreds of towns and villages that still have no evangelical witness. The need for church planting is uppermost in our hearts. The FIEIDE have proposed a role that would involve developing training resources, strategic planning, and pastoral support for church planting workers in Spain. As we move into 2024, please pray for the Lord's guidance as to the ideal location for us to be based, and the right timing for our return to Spain.

Carlos & Isabela Copa - Praise God that we are seeing growth in both the church in La Pampa, Ilo and in the Nueva Vida church-plant in the port area of the city. Pray for wisdom in balancing time between the two areas.

William & Yvonne Kidd - Paul encouraged the Ephesian church to give 'thanks always and for everything to God'. We have every reason to give thanks at the end of our first year here in Waterford. We thank the Lord for His help. Our family has settled in well and we have received many spiritual blessings. We had a great summer with help from Irish Baptist College student Alan McCartney, and a youth team from the Moira church. As we look to 2024, pray for fruit from the work done during the past year. Pray that the Lord would grow the church, both spiritually and numerically. Pray that many people in Waterford will hear and respond to the gospel.

John & Grace Cunningham - We give praise and thanks to the Lord for the great things He has done for us. 'What's the Story?' was very encouraging between April and June as one man, J, came to one of the meetings and there is ongoing contact with him and his brother. We have had very good conversations on the doors and in people's homes. Some of the team from the Armagh, Keady and Newry churches spoke to men outside a pub in Crossmaglen.

Christianity Explained is ongoing. People have opened up to us about difficult situations in their own and their family's lives. Some have been able to pray with them at their door and in their home.

Pray that a regular Bible study and prayer meeting will be established in Crossmaglen in 2024.

Angel & Sonia Mamani - We continue to reach out with the gospel in the northern side of the growing city of Tacna. Pray that God will water the seeds that are being sown and add to our number "those who are being saved".

Peru Committee - 2024 marks 100 years since the Irish Baptist Foreign Mission was founded in 1924. Today in God's goodness there is a great team of godly Peruvian men and women serving in church planting, radio ministry, at the Camp Centre and in the Seminary. Pray as we plan towards Peru100 in 2027 and continue to support and assist the work in southern Peru. Jonny Rea (Glengormley Baptist) currently chairs the committee. Please keep him in your prayers as he recovers from recent major surgery.

Thursday

David & Hannah Sandall - Praise God that He met all our needs as we moved to Bram in the south-west of France. He has provided us with a nice house to rent and the girls have all settled well into school and made new friends.

Please pray that we will integrate well into our new church family in Carcassonne and find ways to serve here. Pray too that we would get to know people in Bram in 2024 and be able to share our lives and faith with them.

Please pray that we will be able to keep in contact with our close friends in Égletons with whom we shared the gospel. We have seen God work in their lives, pray that He would continue to challenge them.

Tito & Amanda Pari - Thank you for your prayers and support as we continue to seek to see the Bethel church established. Please pray for wisdom in relation to a suitable long-term venue to meet in.

Joel & Katya Marcus - We praise God for his sustaining grace to us this year both personally and as a church. We are regularly reminded of our weakness and of our need of God's power. He has kept us, to Him be the glory!

Please pray that in 2024 we would see:

- The church strengthened in unity and faith.
- The gospel penetrating our community and wider area.
- People responding to the gospel in repentance and faith, being baptised and added to the church.

Evan & Rachel Bachtold - 2023 brought many reasons for praise and prayer. Things keep moving in the direction of a church plant in Virginia. Christians are moving into the Virginia area. We have a regular Home Group and had our first Holiday Bible Club this past summer. We started a weekly, school-term Bible Club in October and so far attendance has been encouraging. Evan is heavily involved in the basketball club and helps coach a Gaelic Football team. We are getting to know many in our community. With toddler groups and Bible studies, we have been getting to know others on a deeper level. God is good! Pray on for Virginia!

Richard & Fany Roque - We praise God for José Antonio and his growth and development. Please pray that we will see growth in the Camino de Vida church in 2024 and more opportunities to proclaim the gospel in the local area.

Stephen & Joanne Dunstan - I am grateful to God for strength each day as I serve with the Mission at the Baptist Centre in Moira. Thank you for your prayers, support and encouragement. It is exciting to see what God is doing in every area where we are working and to be a part of that as I handle the daily administration of the Mission.

Friday

John & Lourdes Brew - This year John stepped down from all administrative positions connected with the Mission in Peru. These are now entirely in the hands of our Peruvian brothers and sisters. Pray for them as they take over these responsibilities.

In 2024 we hope to spend some time with our family in Ireland as well as continuing to teach in the Seminary and preach occasionally in the churches. Pray for us as we adjust to a life of retirement.

We are grateful to God for His faithfulness to us as a family. Pray for His ongoing blessing on the churches here, that He would preserve and strengthen them and that they would continue to plant more gospel churches until Christ's return.

Laetitia Anstett - The Lord has already done great things for us through the salvation and hope He has granted us. Please pray for us as we continue sowing the 'good seed' among students and neighbours in the North of Marseille throughout 2024. Pray that we will also know the joy of 'bringing sheaves' with us. May the Lord continue to build His Church and gather His harvest (Psalm 126).

Anamin Usaqui - This has been a very encouraging year in Radio Sembrador. We have seen many answers to prayer. Personally, I long to see my husband coming to faith in the Lord Jesus. Please pray for Christian to be saved.

David & Pamela Dickson - 2023 has been a big year for Pamela and I; our daughter Hannah got married in February and our other daughter Rebekah gave birth to our first grandchild Elias in August. We give thanks to God and are enjoying this new stage of life.

We give thanks for gospel opportunities in the community, in schools, and at the local football club.

In July, people from several Baptist churches were involved in outreach events for all ages. Please pray for Streetlight '24 as exciting opportunities are already falling into place.

We are thankful for gospel partnerships. Sam and Lucy Urey have been a great asset and encouragement to SCF. Please pray for them as they serve with us and look to the Lord regarding their future.

Please pray for salvation and continued spiritual growth during 2024 in the people who meet at Shankill Community Fellowship.

Julio Adrian - I have really enjoyed my first year with Radio El Sembrador. We have introduced more Bible teaching programmes, launched a new App and the churches in the Association are taking on more responsibility. Please pray that the Lord will be pleased to use the radio to draw people to the Lord Jesus Christ.

Saturday

Richard & Mandy McConnell - Praise God that He remains in sovereign control and for establishing the church here over the past five years. Pray for His mighty work of strengthening and consolidating the Blackrock church. Pray that we would see people coming to faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and double our efforts to extend the gospel to them via friendships, events and personal invitation.

Pray for the work among Young Adults to equip them with a robust grasp of the Word. Pray for young people contending with very sinister forces at school, that they would not move away from Christ. Pray that even with the financial and housing difficulties that have forced families and individuals to move away, that the Lord will build a church that will serve Christ here, whatever the cost.

Henry & Sonia Zegarra - Thank you for your financial support that enables us to continue to reach out into the villages in the Carumas Valley. Pray for conversions in Carumas village itself and in the many other villages with no gospel witness. Pray that the entrance of God's Word will bring light into people's souls.

David & Afaf McConville - We are greatly encouraged by the enthusiasm and growth in the members and in those who join with us regularly. David has been discipling two recent converts during the year and they are keen to continue with this.

Please pray for those who join us regularly and the new converts to become members and for other believing families to join us too.

We hope to have a team from a church in Idaho, U.S.A helping us in evangelism and literature distribution in the lead up to Easter. We have booked the Amazing Journey for the last week of May 2024 in collaboration with the Youghal and Waterford churches.

Please pray that God would open doors for children's clubs in 2024. We long to see more people clearly saved in this growing town, full of spiritual need.

Andrew & Ruth Reid - We praise God for the baptism of Anna from our home group and for other small steps toward our dream of a new church. Pray for natural contacts, friendships, conversions and growth!

We hope that 2024 will be the year the theology school launches a totally new programme. Pray all is ready, that we have a good publicity programme to attract the right students and that we don't burn out the school team in the process!

We appreciate your continuing prayers for our daughter Ana and sons Reuben and Matthew as they continue to study in Dublin and Belfast. Pray that 2024 might be a good year for them in every sense, including spiritually.

Mervyn & Karen Scott - Thank you for your prayers for us as a family. Pray that we will remain dependent on the Lord as Mervyn serves with the Mission and supports and cares for our missionaries. Pray for spiritual freshness, physical energy, safety in travel and renewed enthusiasm and vision to see where God is leading.



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