



Prayer Letter October 2021

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Isaiah 46v7

“They lift it to their shoulders, they carry it, they set it in its place, and it stands there; it cannot move from its place. If one cries to it, it does not answer or save him from his trouble.”

This verse is referring to any made Babylonian idol. The true God has already asked the question (v5): *“to whom will you liken me and make me equal and compare me that we may be alike?”* There are lots of differences just in this single verse. Here are three. Firstly, our God is real and can be known personally. He is not referred to as “it” which is used 9x in v7 but he says “I” and “me” (7x in v4). Another major difference is that when we pray to our God, we know he can answer and can save. And finally, our God carries us and is not carried. We read “they carry it” in comparison to “carried from the womb ... and to grey hairs I will carry you ... I will carry and save” (vv3,4). So our God promises to carry us from the womb to the tomb!

There are plenty more differences in these verses but knowing that we have a God who answers prayer and can carry us and bear us up should encourage us and motivate us to bring the rest of this prayer letter to Him!

On **Thursday 21st October** there will be a short prayer meeting (on Zoom) from **8:30am to 9:00am**.

The login details are:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83470410489?pwd=WjZqZU5vcGhJVWpHVFAwLy9vMnhjQT09>

Meeting ID: **834 7041 0489**

Passcode: **UBMprayer**

Summer 2021



We were encouraged that 358 team members were able to get involved in 49 different mission opportunities this summer. What was frequently observed was the very warm and friendly reception amongst the holidaymakers. This in turn led to increased adult engagement with our programmes and significant conversations. In Ireland, where we were not able to run normal programmes, there was still that incredible warmth towards us as we ran book tables and individual family activities.

SUNDAY prayer points

Please give thanks that:

- we were able to do so much this summer given the uncertainties for much of the year.
- we were able to work through solutions to allow mission even with the Covid restrictions and guidelines in place and that during the mission season itself, there weren't too many emergency Covid complications to deal with!
- there were very specific encouragements. Eg the mission in Ravenna was able to be run with Italian nationals.

Follow Up



We trust that what happened on the beaches and in the cities is just a small part of the picture. Often we are unaware of how individual stories might develop. However, where possible we want to help those who showed interest to investigate further the claims of Christianity.

Please pray for:

- each team member who has opportunity to keep in touch with people they've met.
- the 120 children who have signed up for Postal Bible Club this summer.
- those who were pointed to good churches to be brave enough to go along.
- the small group that will be looking at ways of more effective adult follow up.

MONDAY prayer points



We regularly post on Instagram, Facebook – group and page, twitter.

www.ubm.org.uk/instagram

www.ubm.org.uk/twitter

www.ubm.org.uk/facebookpage

www.ubm.org.uk/facebookgroup

- Why not like or follow and turn these posts into prayer points?
- Why not share/like any posts to make UBM more widely known?

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Mission Planning 2022



This time two years ago we were planing missions for 2020 based on what was the norm from previous years. With two very unusual summers, we require much wisdom as we begin to plan for 2022. **Please pray for:**

TUESDAY
prayer points

- the Christian Answer Management Group as they meet tonight (4th October) to make initial plans for next year.
- the other Management Groups as they plan to meet soon (the English and Welsh Management Group, for example, is likely to meet in early November).
- wisdom in knowing how many mission weeks to run and where.

Recruitment



In effect, active recruitment has been on hold for 18 months. However, as we plan for next year, we look forward to being able to do more in the way of recruitment and deputaitonal work. **Please pray for:**

WEDNESDAY
prayer points

- opportunities to share about the work of UBM at churches, conferences and christian unions. Some enquiries are now being received.
- that the videos we have produced (see our Youtube and Vimeo channels at www.ubm.org.uk/youtube and www.ubm.org.uk/vimeo) would be used widely and effectively.
- wisdom in knowing what publicity to produce for 2022.

Winter Admin



To make summer missions happen there are many admin and planning tasks that need to occur during the winter months. **Please pray for:**

THURSDAY
prayer points

- the UBM staff: Tim and Tirzah (both full time) and Ulwyn, Marion and Hugh (part time Irish staff).
- progression of key tasks. For example, we are on the home straight in terms of setting up the new legal entity for Ireland but there are some things still be be finalised.
- wisdom in knowing what are the priority tasks on which to focus.

UBM Chairman



After 20+ years (since May 1999) of being the UBM chairman, Steve Taylor is looking to retire from that role. **Please pray for:**

FRIDAY
prayer points

- the Executive Committee as they consider his replacement.
- Steve (and his wife, Anne) in their ministry outside of UBM (eg their church in Liverpool).

Miscellaneous

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Give thanks that:

- we were able to run a hybrid in-person/Zoom reunion conference. The recorded talks will be available soon.

Please pray for:

- Lucy as she administers the Postal Bible Club.
- other volunteers who help enormously behind the scenes. For example, we are

grateful to a couple of people who are able to make necessary changes to our online admin system.

- the resurrection of the project to investigate Sunschool, an app that could be used in our follow up for children.
- progression of key outcomes from the 2020/21 review of UBM.

SATURDAY
prayer points



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- 2) You can easily create an account with Amazon Smile. Purchasing things via this route and choosing UBM will mean some of what you spend comes to us.
- 3) Similarly you can set up an account with giveasyoulive.com which includes 100s of online retailers.