

Prayer Letter

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Matthew 28:8

'So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples.'

What is clear from the moment Jesus is risen is that other people need to hear the news. We see in Matthew 28 that the women who come to the tomb, having spoken to the angel, hurry off to tell the disciples. In the next few verses (9-10), the women this time meet the risen Jesus, who Himself instructs them to go and tell His brothers. The reality of knowing that Jesus is risen is that we should want to share the news with other people, It is great in April to be able to read our first mission report of the year and see how teams are already seeking to share that good news.

UBM's next online prayer meeting

There will be two opportunities to join us for a short prayer meeting (on Zoom) from **8:30am to 9:00am**, and **12:30pm to 1:00pm** on Thursday 11th April. The login details are:

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

Meeting ID: **834 7041 0489** Passcode: **UBMprayer**

Colombes (Steve Taylor)



We had a team of 7, with additional members from the local church at Colombes joining when they could. The evangelistic work is street contacting and outreach at local markets. **Praise for:** 1) good weather throughout the week (contra weather forecast) enabled almost all outreach to be held. 2) many meaningful conversations (well over 50) with local people most from a religious background yet open to receive literature and talk to team members **Pray for:** 1) the 3000+ separate pieces of literature were given out in some cases accompanied by conversations about Christ and Easter. 2) those spoken to included two academics from Algeria visiting relatives in Paris. These were contacted independently by two team members, received literature and listened carefully. One team member spoke to a group of adults with special needs, very appreciative yet knowing little or nothing of the Gospel. Pray for those with false ideas about the Lord Jesus: that they would hear the truth.

Some stories are tragic: a) a lonely widow whose children were all married and no longer visited her, b) an asylum seeker from Bangladesh whose future is uncertain but was grateful for literature and the offer of prayer. 3) the ongoing witness week by week of the very supportive evangelical Church in Colombes who hold regular literature outreach to their neighbourhood. 4) Gospel work in France. The number of evangelical churches in France continues to increase albeit from a low base. Pray for this to continue.

Follow Up

Follow up is a key aspect of how we continue ongoing conversations with people who have expressed an interest in Jesus. **Pray for:** 1) those children who regularly complete and send back Postal Bible Club lessons. 2) those who mark PBC lessons and seek to encourage the children they are in correspondence with through letters and messages. 3) for adults who have asked to be put in contact or have sought further conversations from previous years. 4) the best ways to use our website to provide opportunities for both adults and children who want to know more and to find answers.

SUNDAY
prayer points

Recruitment for 2024



Applications are following in at a fairly steady rate. So far 254 people have applied to join our teams, we were on 197 as of this point last year. Please pray that the number will continue we want to push past the 740 people who joined teams in 2024, moving up towards 800 would be great. **Please pray for:** 1) students who have been spoken to at various Christian Union events already this year. 2) upcoming opportunities to visit and share in new churches who have been in contact recently asking us to visit. 3) our sending churches, that they would be encouraging and supporting people to go on mission this summer. 4) balancing our leaders, cooks, and families across all our centres.

MONDAY
prayer points

Irish Missions



We will be running missions in 7 centres over the summer, in total there will be 15 weeks of mission across these centres. **Please pray for:**

- 1) Ulwyn who works in the Irish office.
- 2) recruitment for Irish missions, applications are doing well so far for Irish teams.
- 3) the Irish training event taking place on the 12th April.
- 4) an increase in people from the Republic of Ireland going on teams and supporting our missions.

TUESDAY
prayer points

Getting ready for the Summer



Summer is coming and feels much closer now that we have passed Easter. There are many jobs that need doing over the next few weeks and lots of things to do for the summer. **Please pray for:**

- 1) the office staff as, each week, they work through their long 'to do' lists.
- 2) centre organisers as they liaise with host churches and local councils.
- 3) the production of this year's evangelistic Beach Special magazine.

4) the organising of literature and prizes for each mission and then getting it all to the centres.

WEDNESDAY
prayer points

Training and Events



It's a delicate balance planning training events for newer seniors as well as equipping more mature team members who have been involved with UBM for many years.

Please pray for: 1) wisdom in planning sessions and seminars at our events so that each attendee is developed. 2) our Leaders and Seniors' Day (Leicester) on 11/5. 3) the UBM Reunion at Cefn Lea, 6-8/9. Working with the theme 'Refresh'. 4) the Irish Reunion that will take place on the 15-16/9 at Belfast Bible College.

THURSDAY
prayer points

Polzeath



Polzeath (Cornwall) is our new mission launching in 2024. It's an exciting opportunity to take over a centre previously run by Scripture Union. We are hopeful it will develop into a great opportunity for years to come. **Please pray for:** 1) Tim and James Howlett who will be leading our week of mission there this year. 2) a well balanced team as we seek to bring our own mission style to a long established mission centre. 3) our impact and that UBM will be welcomed and work well with those who support the mission. 4) James (Lycett) and Tim will be visiting Polzeath on Thursday 4th April. Pray for the opportunity to meet with local

christians as well as the team from Scripture Union who have been working in Polzeath these past few years.

FRIDAY
prayer points

Miscellaneous

We appreciate your prayers. We also publish a daily prayer point through PrayerMate. Why not subscribe?

Here are a few miscellaneous points to **pray for:** 1)

Those who will be co-leading for the first time in 2024. 2) The ongoing work of Postal Bible Club and for Andrew as he administers this as well as our faithful markers 3) The staff, the trustees and those on the 4 management groups

SATURDAY
prayer points



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